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REPORT.

YOUR AUDITOR, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, and having found them properly vouched and correct, submits the following statement of the financial condition of the town:

ORDERS ON THE TREASURY.

The Selectmen have drawn 227 Orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	$12,097 70
Of which the Treasurer has redeemed 220, amounting to	11,401 22
Leaving now outstanding 7, amounting to	696 48

The above Orders were drawn for the following purposes, to wit:

SCHOOL ORDERS.

SUMMER TERM.

ORDER	No.	51,	District	No. 1,	$78 39
"	"	52,	"	" 2,	144 56
"	"	53,	"	" 3,	107 38
"	"	54,	"	" 4,	69 21
"	"	55,	"	" 5,	107 38
"	"	56,	"	" 6,	82 23
"	"	57,	"	" 7,	95 62
"	"	58,	"	" 8,	52 80
"	"	59,	"	" 9,	70 60
"	"	60,	"	" 10,	95 40
"	"	61,	"	" 11,	30 56
"	"	62,	"	" 12,	70 50
"	"	63,	"	" 13,	104 47
"	"	64,	"	" 14,	120 93
"	"	65,	"	" 15,	82 28
"	"	66,	"	" 16,	88 95
"	"	67,	"	" 17,	30 56
					$1431 97

WINTER TERM.

ORDER	No.	152,	District	No. 1,	$156 78
"	"	153,	"	" 2,	289 12
"	"	154,	"	" 3,	214 76
"	"	155,	"	" 4,	138 42
"	"	156,	"	" 5,	214 76
"	"	157,	"	" 6,	164 56
"	"	158,	"	" 7,	191 24
"	"	159,	"	" 8,	105 60
"	"	160,	"	" 9,	141 20
"	"	161,	"	" 10,	191 80
"	"	162,	"	" 11,	61 12
"	"	163,	"	" 12,	141 20
"	"	164,	"	" 13,	208 94
"	"	165,	"	" 14,	241 86
"	"	166,	"	" 15,	164 56
"	"	167,	"	" 16,	177 90
"	"	168,	"	" 17,	61 12
					$2864 94
					1431 97
					$4296 91

HIGH SCHOOL.

Order No.		
50.	Joseph H. Mildram, in full, for cash paid High School Teacher, Fall Term,	$262 50
175.	Joseph H. Mildram in full, for cash paid High School Teachers, Fall Term,	357 50
176.	John A. Cram in full, for teaching High School, Fall Term,	206 25
177.	Clara A. Libby in full, for Assistant Teacher, Fall Term, High School,	148 50
		$974 75

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Order No.		
209.	Howard W. Littlefield, for services rendered for year 1873, up to Feb. 9th, 1874,	$49 90
210.	Alvan Libby, for services rendered for year 1873, up to Feb. 9th, 1874,	63 60
225.	Joseph H. Mildram, for ordinary services for year 1873, up to Feb. 9th, 1874,	37 00
		$150 50

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.		
26.	D. R. Ford, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, and attendance with Auditor, from Feb. 11th, to March 8th, 1873,	$20 25
27.	Henry Littlefield, for services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and attendance with Auditor, from Feb. 11th, to March 8th, 1873,	15 50
28.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and attendance with Auditor, from Feb. 11th, to March 8th, 1873	18 00
36.	Joshua C. Hatch, for services as Treasurer, and with Auditor, from Feb. 11th, to Feb. 20th, 1873,	16 00
92.	Joseph G. Storer, for services as Auditing town accounts for 1872,	19 50
	Amount carried forward,	$89 25

	Amount brought forward,	$89 25
Order No.		
49.	D. R. Ford, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from March 17 to June 4, 1873,	51 00
118.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from March 17 to Oct. 1, 1873,	61 11
122.	Henry Littlefield, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from Mar. 12 to Sept. 16, 1873,	67 50
123.	D. R. Ford, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from June 7 to Aug. 25, 1873,	32 00
218.	Joshua C. Hatch, for services as Town Treasurer, from Feb. 20th, 1873, to Feb. 7th, 1874,	117 00
219.	Geo. B. Goodale, for services as Town Clerk, from March 4th, 1873, to Feb. 9th, 1874,	10 75
221.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from Oct. 1, 1873, to Feb. 7, 1874,	18 00
222.	Henry Littlefield, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from Oct. 1st, 1873, to Feb. 7th, 1874,	13 00
244.	D. R. Ford, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from Sept. 16th, 1873, to Feb. 7th, 1874,	25 75
212.	Isaac Hanscom in full, for services as Town Agent on Buffum road case,	8 50
		$493 86

SUPPORT OF POOR AND OTHER EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
16.	Eleazor Littlefield, for blacksmith work done for Town Farm, 1872,	$7 07
30.	Wells Depot Union Store Co., for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Feb. 17th to Mar. 22d, 1873,	26 18
35.	William Rankin, for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Jan. 22d to April 21st, 1873,	13 25
37.	Jonathan Kimball, in full for quarterly payment, up to April 22, 1873,	62 50
39.	Jonathan Kimball, in full for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Sept. 4, 1872, to April 22, 1873, and set of sleds,	22 74
	Amount carried forward,	$131 74

	Amount brought forward,	$131 74
Order No.		
40.	Jonathan Kimball, for extra services in taking care of Joseph Maxwell and Geo. Cain,	50 00
41.	Erastus Hilton in full, for two pigs furnished for Town Farm,	8 00
43.	Luther Hilton in full, for board of Theodore Hilton four weeks,	6 00
45.	Wells Depot Union Storo Co. in full, for supplies furnished for Town Farm, from April 8, to May 20, 1873,	55 50
46.	Richardson, Harris & Co. in full, for one Hogshead Molasses, (85 gal.)	38 46
48.	D. R. Ford in full, for suit clothes, 1 pr. shoes, and hat furnished J. Maxwell,	15 65
68.	Geo. G. Hatch in full, for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Feb. 17, to April 23, 1873,	22 97
70.	Geo. Wakefield in full, for twenty-four hundred hay furnished Town Farm, at $18 per ton,	21 60
80.	Geo. Dikeman, for quarterly payment, ending July 22,	100 00
81.	Geo. Dikeman, for supplies furnished Town Farm, from April 22d, to Aug. 1st, 1873,	10 00
83.	Wells Depot Union Co., for supplies furnished Town Farm, from June 5th, to Aug. 30, 1873,	84 86
84.	Joshua Clark in full, for one day's labor on Town Farm house,	2 00
87.	Timothy B. Hussey, for plow furnished Town Farm,	14 00
139.	Geo. Dikeman, for quarterly payment, ending Oct. 22, 1873,	100 00
140.	Geo. Dikeman, for hay and other supplies furnished Town Farm, up to Nov. 1st, 1873,	10 00
148.	Mathews & Barrell in full, for supplies furnished Town Farm, from May 7th, to June 12th, 1873,	5 52
150.	Wells Depot Union Store Co., for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Sept. 3d, to Nov. 21st, 1873,	77 33
174.	Bion E. Tripp, for blacksmith work done for Town Farm, for 1873,	6 25
188.	Ralph Littlefield in full, for repairing chimney on Town Farm,	6 00
199.	Jacob Storer in full, for two coffins, boxes and robes furnished for T. Hilton and T. Buzzell,	28 00
	Amount carrried foward,	$793 88

	Amount brought forward,	$793 88
196.	Joseph Mildram in full, for pigs furnished for Town Farm,	7 00
203.	Geo. Dikeman, for quarterly payment, ending Jan. 22, 1874,	100 00
211.	Alvin Libby, for medical attendance upon T. Hilton,	5 50
216.	Wells Depot Union Store Co., for supplies furnished Town Farm, Dec. 5, 1873, to Jan. 13, 1874,	29 23
187.	O. E. Furber, for pump furnished Town Farm,	11 50
		$947 11

CASH RECEIVED FROM PRODUCTS SOLD FROM TOWN FARM AND OTHER SOURCES.

For one Calf,	$8 07
6 Hens sold J. Kimball,	3 00
10 Hens sold J. H. Mildram,	5 00
20 Bushels Potatoes,	13 00
Due from Geo. Goodwin,	24 00
Due from S. B. Farnsworth,	33 00
Cash received toward support of Geo. Cain,	77 83
Excess of Stock and Provision over last year,	62 26
	$226 16

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses,	$947 11	
Income,	226 16	
Total cost of support of Poor,		$720 95

PARTIAL SUPPLIES.

Order No.		
89.	E. F. Stockwell, for Medical services rendered to Mrs. S. J. Hatch, residing in Lyman,	$12 00
207.	D. R. Ford, in full for supplies furnished to wandering pauper,	5 50
217.	Wm. Rankin, in full for supplies furnished A. M. Blabon, for ten weeks, ending Feb. 7, 1874,	30 00
227.	Wm. Fairfield, in full for supplies furnished family of T. J. Greene, from Jan. 1, to Feb. 9, 1874,	26 37
		$73 87

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Order No. 78,		$42 96	Amount brought up,		$966 22
"	90,	15 73	Order No. 136,		92 88
"	106,	31 64	"	137,	36 74
"	107,	26 59	"	138,	55 58
"	108,	38 37	"	141,	98 09
"	109,	31 41	"	142,	28 85
"	110,	36 42	"	143,	30 00
"	111,	46 58	"	145,	41 67
"	112,	33 19	"	146,	21 16
"	113,	105 70	"	147,	32 51
"	114,	43 52	"	149,	49 82
"	116,	72 40	"	151,	35 74
"	117,	58 51	"	169,	15 17
"	119,	61 21	"	171,	28 95
"	120,	42 11	"	172,	22 30
"	124,	20 00	"	173,	53 54
"	126,	63 60	"	180,	20 26
"	128,	28 00	"	181,	46 32
"	129,	35 90	"	182,	32 96
"	134,	42 38	"	184,	69 88
"	135,	90 00	"	186,	26 34
			"	223,	47 17
		$966 22	"	213,	49 91
Amount carried up,					$1,902 06

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Order No.

3.	Henry H. Hubbard, in full for labor and stone on Stevens Bridge, 1872	$11 00
4.	Alonzo E. Meader, for labor on temporary bridge near R. Stevens,	3 00
5.	Stephen Hanson for labor on temporary bridge near R. Stevens,	3 90
23.	Samuel S. Cole, in full for bridge covering for Boothby bridge,	13 52
31.	William D. Moulton in full for plank, stringers, and spikes for Donnell's bridge,	18 52
69.	Josiah Littlefield, in full for twenty covering stone for Stevens bridge.	2 00
	Amount carried forward,	$51 04

	Amount brought forward,	$51 04
77.	Oliver West in full, for furnishing rails and railing Great bridge,	22 96
85.	Bragdon & West in full, for 2,085 feet plank for bridge near Silas Bragdon's,	41 70
91.	Joseph G. Storer in full, for 1,272 feet plank, timber, spikes and nails, and 5 1-2 days labor for Burnt Mill bridge,	41 25
93.	Wm. S. Wells in full, for 1,182 feet plank and timber, and 3 days labor for Burnt Mill bridge,	33 18
98.	C. E. Weare in full, for 1234 feet plank for Weare bridge, 1872,	18 51
130.	Samuel H. Perkins in full, for 797 feet plank for bridge near Alvin Perkins',	15 94
215.	Norton Perkins in full, for 200 feet lumber furnished for Perkins' Town bridge,	2 40
38.	Abner F. Kimball, for 984 feet plank furnished for Great Hill bridge	14 76
115.	Sylvester Hatch in full, for building two culverts and furnishing stone for same,	126 67
226.	Daniel Clark in full, for 755 feet plank furnished for Little River bridge,	16 61
		$385 02

REBUILDING MAXWELL BRIDGE.

Order No.		
94.	Theodore Hutchings, in full for labor, and for blacksmith work on Maxwell bridge.	$58 88
95.	Solomon Stevens, in full for labor on Maxwell bridge,	18 00
96.	Alexander Maxwell, in full for labor on Maxwell bridge,	32 25
97.	C. E. Weare, in full for labor, plank, and teaming on Maxwell bridge,	45 38
99.	O. G. Ford, in full for labor on Maxwell bridge,	34 37
100.	John Hutchings in full for labor on Maxwell bridge,	24 67
101.	George Thompson in full, for labor on Maxwell Bridge,	10 00
102.	Orin H. Littlefield in full, for labor, himself and oxen, on Maxwell bridge,	62 45
104.	D. R. Ford in full, for labor on Maxwell Bridge,	55 25
178.	Caleb Gray in full, for use of derrick on Maxwell bridge 20 days,	25 00
		$366 25

BREAKWATER NEAR O. A. FROST'S.

Order No.		
71.	C. C. Littlefield, in full for 1 day's labor on Breakwater,	$2 00
72.	Samuel S. Perkins, in full for labor and plank for Breakwater,	11 94
73.	Geo. A. Frost in full, for labor on Breakwater,	7 00
74.	Joseph Hubbard in full, for labor on Breakwater,	3 50
75.	Solomon Stevens in full, for labor on Breakwater,	6 00
197.	Joseph Hubbard in full, for labor on Breakwater,	5 00
198.	Solomon Stevens in full for labor, spikes, and plank for Breakwater,	13 10
		$48 54

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order No.		
8.	Wm. G. Getchell, for abatement of taxes of 1870, as follows: Poll tax, John Eaton, $3.00; John Hatch, poll tax, 3.00, per .56; S. C. Kimball, poll tax, 3.00; Levi Larrabee, poll tax, 3.00; Charles Larrabee, poll tax, 3.00; Saml. A. Littlefield, poll tax, 3.00; Joseph Maxwell, real estate, 10.64,	$29 20
9.	Mrs. Charles Goodale, abatement of taxes on personal estate, 1871,	11 50
11.	Jacob Storer, for abatement of taxes on real est., 1871,	4 14
12.	E. M. Littlefield, for abatement of taxes of 1871, as follows: Geo. H. Thompson, returned highway tax, $1.75; Aaron Littlefield, returned highway tax, 2.98; James Brooks, returned highway tax, 1.20; D. R. Ford, returned highway tax, .79; Edward J. Hedden, returned highway tax .67; Benjamin Pierce, poll tax, 3.00; J. M. Lorin, poll and per. tax, 5.30,	15 69
13.	George Hobbs, for abatement of real and personal tax of 1871, 11 50 real, 18 50, personal.	30 00
29.	Jedediah Allen, for abatement of poll tax of 1872,	3 00
44.	Lionville Morrison, abatement of poll tax of 1872,	3 00
82.	Solomon Littlefield, abatement of taxes on real estate, for 1871, '72, '73,	28 82
88.	Theodore Wells, abatement of tax on real estate, 1871,	9 20
	Amount carried forward,	$134 55

Order No.		
	Amount brought forward,	$134 55
131.	E. M. Littlefield, for abatement of taxes '71, as follows: A. M. Blabon, poll tax 3 00, real 2 60; Henry Cain, poll tax 3 00; Eben. K. Hatch, real and personal 5 68: Benjamin Pierce, real 3 68; Mrs. R. Chapman, real estate 23 46,	41 42
132.	Wm. Wells, abat. of real es., 1872, error in assessment,	5 35
133.	Wm. Maxwell, abatement of real estate of 1871,	15 18
170.	Woodbury Dixon, abatement taxes real estate of 1873,	11 48
185.	Es. of Jotham Winn, abat. taxes real estate of 1872–73,	7 80
191.	Wm. G. Getchell, abat. of taxes as follows: Aaron A. Perkins, poll and per. tax of 1869, 3.67; A. M. Blabon, poll and per. tax, 1869, 3.60; Samuel A. Littlefield, poll tax, 1869, 3.00; Isaiah Chadbourn, poll and per., 4.60, '69; Richard Littlefield, real est. '69, 2.80; Benj. Pierce, poll and real of 1870, 5.24,	22 91
10.	Geo. E. Baker, abatem't of returned highway tax, 1871,	4 73
192.	Edwin Hill, abatement on real and personal estate, 1872,	15 00
193.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement on returned highway taxes of 1872, as follows: Charles Littlefield Jr., 1 39, Sylvester Littlefield, .90; L. D. Moody, .90; Wm. H. Perkins, 2 48; J. Perkins, 1 16; C. M. Perkins, 3 69; J. A. Stuart, 7 53; C. B. Sawyer, 1 95; D. Thompson, 1 10; J. A. Tebbetts, .60; Joseph Chaney, .90; Jas. Crediford, 1 03; O. M. Davis, 2 33; J. M. Eaton, 40 21,	66 17
194.	Wm. G. Getchell, abat. of returned highway taxes of 1872, as follows: Stephen Furgeson, 6 62; Jas. Hilton, 3 17; Thos. P. Hilton, 1 47; Nathl. Hilton, 4 35; Woodbury Hilton, 1 42; Reuben Hutchings, 1 05; Edward Hilton, Jr., 2 89; Peletiah Littlefield, 2 00; Geo. W. Littlefield, 1 37; Geo. Williams, 4 15; O. Winn, .90; Langdon Welch .90,	25 29
202.	Wm. G. Getchell, abat. of poll taxes of 1872, as follows: Nathl. Blabon, C. T Buzzell, Henry Cain, John Eaton, Jr., Lewis Goodrich, Bernice Hatch, Thos, Littlefield, Levi and Charles Larrabee, Wm. Parks, John Rankin, Chas. Wheelwright, J. Goodwin 2d, 3 00 each; est. of John Bragdon, 3 33; Malinda Bragdon, real est., 4 05; A. M. Blabon, poll and real est. 5 96; John Hatch, poll and per. 3 74; B. F. Wells, per. est., 2 22; Rufus Ladd, poll and per. 4 11,	62 41
	Amount carried forward,	$412 29

	Amount brought forward,	$412 29
ORDER No.		
203.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement of taxes, as follows: Chas. Benway, poll tax 3 00; Jas. Crediford, poll and real, 3 74; poll taxes of Stephen Hanson, Abner Jacobs, Samuel A. Littlefield, A. A. Perkins, Paul Welch; Obed. Winn, poll and per., 3 37; Joseph S. Littlefield, poll; Richard Littlefield, poll and real est., 3 70; Priscilla Eldridge, real est. 5 18; Chas. L. Perkins, personal est., 6 66; estate of Wm. Littlefield, 1 48;	48 13
204.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement of taxes, 1872, as follows: Charles Andrews, poll and personal, 3 74; John Blabon, poll 3 00; Josephus Bragdon, real 2 22; James Gillis, poll 3 00; William Gillis, 3 00; Benjamin Hubbard, poll and personal 4 11; est. of Benj. Hatch, 4 07; Mrs. Maxwell Hatch, real est. 5 00; Benjamin Hatch, poll 3 00; Sam'l Hubbard, real 1 85; Frank Littlefield, poll 3 00: Richard Littlefield, real and personal 3 70; Lewis Littlefield, poll and personal, 4 11; J. D. Littlefield, poll 3 00; Benj. Pierce, poll and real, 5 96; Jas. Stevens, poll 3 00; est. Hosea Hatch 3 33; Joseph Stuart, poll, 3 00;	62 09
		$522 51

REFUNDED PARISH TAXES.

ORDER No.		
19.	First Cong. Parish in full, for taxes illegally assessed and collected from and including the year 1864, up to and including the year 1872,	$260 40
20.	Second Cong. Parish in full, for taxes illegally assessed and collected from and including 1864, up to and including '72,	69 65
21.	First Free Baptist Parish in full, for taxes illegally assessed and collected from and including 1864, up to and including 1871,	61 40
22.	First Methodist Parish in full, for taxes illegally assessed and collected for 1869,	10 20
32 & 33.	First Baptist Parish in full, for abat. of taxes on real est. for 1871 and 1872,	24 90
34.	First Baptist Parish in full, for taxes illegally assessed and collected from and including 1864, up to and including '70,	172 76
		$599 31

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.		
1.	John Hanscom, in full for printing Town Reports of 1872,	$50 00
2.	Ira T. Drew, in full for written opinion, on Jos. Maxwell case,	3 00
6.	Nathaniel Hobbs, for legal advice,	2 00
7.	D. R. Ford, in full for journey to Boston, to consult I. T. Drew on Maxwell case,	6 40
14.	Edwin Clark, in full for services as Committee to settle claims of Parishes against Town,	18 00
15.	D. W. Jones, in full for medical services rendered E. E. Hodgdon, in small-pox case,	199 00
17.	Augustus Jones in full, for fuel and taking care of Town House, up to April 1st, 1873,	12 00
18.	M. F. Wentworth in full, for med. services in small pox case,	30 00
24.	Joseph H. Mildram in full, for surveying a road near Asa S. Clark's, and road near B. & M. R. R.,	5 00
25.	Thos. P. Hilton in full, for board of Leonard Berry, a York pauper, from Nov. 1st, to Nov. 11th, 1872,	11 00
42.	John W. Storer in full, for clothes and bedding destroyed in small pox case, by order of Health Officer,	50 00
47.	Bailey & Noyes in full, for Collector's tax books,	4 70
76.	Margaret Moody in full, for supplies furnished J. Maxwell, from July 27, to Aug. 12, 1871, per order of J. Perkins,	3 00
103.	Frank F. Ramsdell, for guide board,	1 00
105.	Geo. Goodwin in full, for bill paid John E. Butler & Co., for advertising petition,	3 00
121.	Wm. G. Getchell in full, for collecting taxes of 1872,	100 00
125.	Wm. G. Getchell, for discount on $6,500.00 paid in to the Treasurers of Town and County,	342 11
127.	Daniel Butland, in full for removing snow and breaking roads, Feb., 1873,	23 00
144.	Joseph Littlefield 4th, in full for damage on carriage, (defect in highway,)	8 75
179.	Abner F. Kimball, in full for removing stone out of highway,	17 00
183.	Wm. Rankins, in full for supplies furnished George Cain, Feb, 5th, to Mar. 30th, 1870,	2 99
190.	School District No. 15, in full for tax on Town Farm for repairs of school house,	2 28
195.	Watson & Sons, in full for printing 200 blank Town Orders,	1 75
205.	Wm. G. Getchell in full, for discount on $1500 paid to State Treasurer,	46 39
206.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting taxes of 1872,	45 00
214.	George Getchell, in full for school books furnished family of Richard Littlefield, by order of S. S. Committee,	5 90
	Amount carried forward,	993 27

	Amount brought forward,	$993 27
Order No.		
220.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting taxes of 1873,	75 00
79.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to March 1st 1873,	30 13
86.	Abba L. Wells in full, for 20 wks. board and clothing for B. F. Wells,	48 21
189.	Maine Insane Hospital in full, for board and expenses of Gooch Perkins and B. F. Wells, up to Aug. 31st, 1873,	98 16
200.	Maine Insane Hospital in full, for board and expenses of Gooch Perkins and B. F. Wells, up to Nov. 31, 1873,	60 29
201.	Theodore Wells in full, for expenses, and removing B. F. Wells to Maine Insane Hospital,	28 95
196.	Joseph H. Mildram in full, for services surveying the Chas. Perkins road,	3 00
		$1,337 01

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$4,296 91
For High Schools,	974 75
S. S. Committee, 1873,	150 50
Town Officers for 1873,	493 86
Town Farm,	947 11
Partial Supplies,	73 87
Repair of Highways,	1,902 06
Roads and Bridges,	385 02
For Maxwell's Bridge,	366 25
Breakwater,	48 54
Abatement of Taxes,	522 51
Refunded Parish Taxes,	599 31
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,337 01
	$12,097 70

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1873.

Order No.		
154.	School District No. 3,	$214 76
161.	School District No. 10,	191 80
163.	School District No. 12,	141 20
168.	School District No. 17,	61 12
170.	Woodbury Dixon,	11 48
171.	Nathaniel Hilton,	28 95
223.	Samuel L. Bragdon,	47 17
		$696 48

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1869.

DATE.		
April 22,	Hannah Littlefield,	$64 37
	Interest on above note,	21 78
		$86 15

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES, 1870.

DATE.		
Feb. 23,	Joseph Hilton,	$1052 50
	Interest on above note,	294 70
		$1,347 20

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1871.

DATE.		
July 31,	Thomas B. Littlefield,	$307 84
Nov. 4.	Henry C. Hart,	100 00
	Interest on above notes,	70 03
		$477 87

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1872.

DATE.		
March 1,	Susan M. Rankins,	$154 33
Mar. 11,	Asa S. Clark,	500 00
Apr. 1,	Eliab Stevens,	642 48
Apr. 4,	Joseph Hilton,	200 00
Apr. 24,	Louisa Jones,	150 00
May 8,	Sarah A. Littlefield,	570 40
May 20,	Asa Littlefield,	200 00
June 6,	Alonzo F. Littlefield,	232 77
June 17,	Tristram Hilton,	150 00
June 25,	Erastus Hilton,	600 00
July 8,	Emma L. Perkins,	26 00
July 11,	Otis Winn,	60 00
1873, Jan. 20,	Emma L. Perkins,	52 48
Feb. 10,	Nancy Sargent,	50 00
Feb. 15,	Olive L. Worth,	81 20
Feb. 18,	Edwin Clark, Agent,	56 15
Feb. 18,	Paulina Shorey,	100 00
Feb. 18,	Paulina Shorey,	65 00
Interest on above notes,		388 82
		$4,279 63

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1873.

Date.		
March 1,	Joseph Hilton,	$481 50
Mar. 11,	John L. Wells,	200 00
Mar. 11,	Abner and Wm. Chaney,	726 43
Mar. 13,	Dependance Hatch,	100 00
Mar. 14,	Alvan Libby,	1,000 00
Mar. 21,	Joseph Hilton,	142 00
Mar. 21,	Tristram Hilton,	100 00
Mar. 28,	Harriet A. Hatch,	122 43
Mar. 29,	Henry Plaisted,	215 34
Apr. 28,	Lozano Hatch,	100 00
May 12,	Dependance Hatch,	50 00
May 12,	Olive H. Hatch,	70 00
May 15,	Rufus Clark,	72 19
May 17,	Alber F. Getchell,	125 00
May 19,	James Donnell,	100 00
May 26,	Tristram Hilton,	140 00
May 27,	Ralph Hilton,	665 00
June 6,	Stephen J. Hatch,	150 00
June 13,	Louisa Witham,	200 00
June 13,	Lyntha Witham,	200 00
June 18,	Joseph H. Penny,	280 00
June 25,	N. W. Wells,	100 00
June 25,	Samuel S. Cole,	300 00
June 25,	Mary Cole,	60 00
July 11,	Mary A. Butler,	206 41
Aug. 5,	Eunice Littlefield,	700 00
Aug. 13,	Sarah W. Hill,	250 00
Aug. 25,	Second Cong. Church in Wells,	91 53
Aug. 25,	George Bean,	900 00
Sept. 8,	Mary J. Wakefield,	100 00
Sept. 8,	Eliza Wilds,	66 50
Sept. 8,	John Wells,	1,000 00
Sept. 8,	John Wells,	300 00
Sept. 12,	Elizabeth F. Grant,	200 00
Sept. 15,	Permelia M. Perkins,	500 00
Sept. 16,	Joseph Hilton,	92 00
Sept. 26,	Hannah N. Littlefield,	400 00
Oct. 9,	Martha Wells,	50 00
Oct. 11,	John Rankins,	100 00
	Amount carried forward,	$10,656 33

DATE.		
	Amount brought forward,	$10,656 33
Oct. 11,	Mary. A. Rankins,	294 46
Oct. 14,	Rufus Clark,	644 33
Oct. 15,	Hiram Littlefield,	1,266 71
Oct. 18,	Lozano Hatch,	50 00
Oct. 21,	Ann M. Staples,	100 00
Nov. 1,	Joseph M. Goodwin,	1,000 00
" 3,	Joseph Hilton,	85 00
" 10,	Chas. E. Gowen,	200 00
" "	Joseph M. Goodwin,	100 00
" "	Jeremiah B. Norton,	1,000 00
" "	Elizabeth Cole,	150 79
" "	Lucy G. Cole,	240 14
" "	Henry Littlefield,	100 00
" 11,	Harriet W. Hobbs,	300 00
" "	Daniel Wheelwright,	205 00
" 17,	Nahum P. Allen,	1,400 00
Dec. 5,	Henry Plaisted,	191 34
" 19,	Wm. Hobbs,	1,200 00
" 20,	Melinda C. Bragdon	556 00
" 23,	Benajah Hall,	1,000 00
1874, Jan. 1,	Tristram Hilton,	1,843 72
Jan. 13,	N. W. Wells,	200 00
" 31,	Hannah Eaton,	150 00
Feb. 11,	Wm. Hobbs,	500 00
" 12,	Laura R. Littlefield,	1,400 00
		$24,833 82
	Interest on above notes,	681 84
		$25,515 66

STATEMENT,

Showing the Financial Condition of the Town at the date of this Report.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders of 1873,	$696 48
" Treasury Notes of 1869 and interest,	86 15
" " " " 1870 " "	1,347 20
" " " " 1871 " "	477 87
" " " " 1872 " "	4,198 43
" " " " 1873 " "	25,515 66
	$32,321 79

RESOURCES.

Due from non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55
" " " " " 1868,	8 25
" " " " " 1869,	113 31
" " " " " 1870,	139 71
" " " " " 1871,	39 48
" " " " " 1872,	709 97
" " State School Fund, 1873,	622 79
" " " Mill Tax of 1874,	927 93
" " E. M. Littlefield, on tax of 1871,	100 00
" " Wm. G. Getchell, on tax of 1872,	75 00
" " " " " " " " 1873,	7,670 09
" " Geo. Goodwin and S. B. Farnsworth, for labor of man and oxen on Town Farm,	57 00
	$10,469 08
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	3,226 58
	$13,695 66

Amount of liabilities, deducting resources, $18,626 13

STOCK AND PROVISION ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen,	$200 00
Two cows,	100 00
Twenty-six hens,	13 00
Seven tons English hay,	105 00
Two " salt "	15 00
One barrel pork,	20 00
One-third barrel flour,	3 00
One-half barrel meal,	1 50
One hundred and fifty bushels potatoes,	97 50
Twenty-six gallons molasses,	13 00
Eight gallons soap,	1 00
Five bushels turnips,	2 50
Two swine,	20 00
Six pounds lard,	1 00
Ten pounds butter,	3 00
Two and a half bushels beans,	7 50
Five bushels corn,	5 00
Six gallons vinegar,	2 40
Four bushels oats,	2 40
Eight pounds tea,	2 96
	$615 76

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the following sums:

For support of Poor and other Town expenses,	$2,900 00
" " " Schools,	2,302 40
" " " High Schools,	500 00
" repairs " Highways,	3,000 00
Voted, To raise Five Thousand Dollars to pay the indebtness of the Town,	5,000 00
State Tax,	3,426 09
County Tax,	1,158 29
	$17,386 78
Overlay,	788 55
	$18,175 33

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	$2,302 40
State School Fund, 1871,	81 00
" " " 1872,	344 46
" Mill Tax of Jan., 1873,	1,013 41
" " " " " 1874,	733 89
	$4,475 16

ERRORS IN REPORT OF 1873.

Note, Oliver L. Worth, not reported,	$81 20
Returned tax, Mary Mathews,	3 00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS,—IN ITEMS.

TOWN OF WELLS, TO HENRY LITTLEFIELD, DR.

1873, March 12,	To 1 day on Pension of Geo. Cain, and moving Susan Day to Town Farm,	$2 00
Mar. 17,	To 1-2 day at Town House on town business,	1 00
" 18,	To 1-2 day on case of B. F. Wells,	1 00
" 28,	To journey to South Berwick on Pauper case,	2 00
April 2,	To 1 day at Town House on town business,	2 00
" 3, 4, 5 and 11,	To 4 days taking valuation of Personal Estate,	8 00
" 7,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 18,	" " " " " "	2 00
" 21,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
" 22,	To 1 day at Town Farm, to oversee changing men,	2 00
" 25,	To journey to South Berwick, to move Theodore Hilton to Town Farm,	2 00
" 24 and 26,	To 2 days making Highway Tax,	4 00
May 2,	To 1 day delivering Highway Tax Books,	2 00
" 3,	To journey to Clerk's office to draw Jurors,	2 00
" 12,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
" 26,	To 1-2 day on bridge near Silas Bragdon's,	1 00
June 2,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 4,	To journey to Clerk's office to draw Jurors,	2 00
" 7,	To 1 day examining Maxwell Bridge, and at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 18, 19 and 20,	To 3 days making State, Town and County Tax,	6 00
" 23,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
July 2,	To 1 day at Town Farm and Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 29,	To 1-2 day to examine Water-course near Thaddeus Littlefield's,	1 00
Aug. 1,	To journey to Lyman, on Pauper case.	3 50
" 2,	To 1 day copying State, Town and County Tax,	2 00
" 4,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
" 6,	To 1-2 day on Burnt Mill Bridge,	1 00
" 25,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 28,	To journey to North Berwick, on town business,	2 00
Sept. 6,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 11,	To journey to Clerk's office to draw Jurors,	2 00
" 16,	To 1-2 day on bridge near Alvin Perkins',	1 00
Oct. 1,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
Nov. 1,	" " " " " "	2 00
Dec. 1,	" " " " " "	2 00
" 2,	To 1-2 day on Pauper case,	1 00
" 21,	To journey to Clerk's office to draw Jurors,	2 00
" 27,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
1874, Jan. 31,	To 1 day on town business,	2 00
		$80 50

TOWN OF WELLS, TO DANIEL CHICK, DR.

1873, March 17,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	$1 00
Mar. 18,	To journey to Kittery,	2 00
	Car fare for same,	1 80
" 31,	To 1 2 day to Kennebunk, for counsel,	1 00
Apr. 1,	To 1 day on valuation,	2 00
" 3, 4 and 5,	To 3 days taking Inventory,	6 00
" 7,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 8,	To 1-2 day with Treasurer,	1 00
" 11,	To 1 day on valuation and enrolling militia,	2 00
" 12,	To 3 1-2 dozs. Surveyors' books,	1 31
" 18,	To 1 day at Town House,	2 00
" 19,	To 1 day to provide a man for Town Farm,	2 00
" 21,	To 1 day at Town House to receive proposals for taking care of Town Farm	2 00
" 22,	To 1-2 day at Town Farm,	1 00
" 25 and 26,	To 2 days making Highway Tax,	4 00
" 28,	To 1 day delivering Highway Tax Bills,	2 00
	Horse hire for same,	1 00
May 12,	To 1-2 day at Town Farm,	1 00
June 2,	To 1 day apportioning School Money,	2 00
" 7,	To 1 day journey to Ogunquit, on Maxwell's Bridge,	2 00
	Horse hire for same,	1 00
" 23,	To 1 day at Town House to draw Summer School Orders,	2 00
July 2,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 3, 5, 7 and 8,	To 4 days making and copying State, Town and Co. Tax,	8 00
" 28,	To 1-2 day at Wells Depot and Henry Littlefield's,	1 00
Aug. 4,	To 1 day to commit Taxes for collection,	2 00
" 25,	To 1 day at Town House to draw Warrant for State Election, and other town business,	2 00
Sept. 6,	To 1 day revising Check List,	2 00
" 16,	To 1-2 day on bridges in North West District,	1 00
	Horse hire for same,	1 00
Oct. 1, and Nov. 1,	To 2 days at Town House, on town bnsiness,	4 00
Nov. 10,	To 1-2 day laying out Town Road near Atlantic House,	2 00
	Horse hire for same,	1 00
Dec. 1,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 27,	To 1 day at H. Littlefield's, on town business,	2 00
Jan. 9,	To 1 day journey to Saco to attend Court,	2 00
" 10,	To 1 day to Kennebunk to look after family of J. Green,	2 00
" 31,	To 1 day with Collector,	2 00
Feb. 6,	To 1-2 day with Treasurer,	1 00
		$79 11

TOWN OF WELLS, TO DANIEL R. FORD, DR.

1873, March 17,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	$1 00
Mar. 20,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
Apr. 7,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19,	To 6 days Inventory and enrolling Militia,	12 00
" 21,	To 1 day looking up a man for Town Farm,	2 00
" 22,	To 1-2 day at Town Farm, on town business,	1 00
" 29 and 30, and May 1,	To 3 days making Highway Tax and delivering books,	6 00
May 12,	To 1-2 day at Poor Farm, on town business,	1 00
" 16,	To journey with horse to Great Falls with J. Maxwell,	4 50
" 17,	To 1 day at Clerk's office, Ogunquit, and other places, on town business,	2 00
" 20,	To 1 day to Alfred with horse, on J. Maxwell's case,	5 00
", 30,	To 1 day preparing Inventory for tax,	2 00
June 2,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 3,	To 1 day journey to Alfred on Probate business, in Geo. Cain case,	5 00
" 4,	To 1 day journey to Lyman, on John Hatch Pauper case,	4 50
" 7,	To 1-2 day viewing Maxwell's Bridge,	1 00
" "	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
" 23,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
	Horse hire for same,	1 00
July 1,	To 1 day making taxes,	2 00
" 2,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 18,	To 1 day making taxes,	2 00
" 19,	To 1 day making taxes,	2 00
Aug. 4,	To 1-2 day at Town House, on town business,	1 00
" "	Horse hire for same,	1 00
" 6 and 7,	To 2 days making Check List,	4 00
" 8,	To 1 day copying taxes,	2 00
" 12,	To journey to Wells Beach, Henry Littlefield's, on J. Littlefield's damage case,	2 00
	To horse hire,	1 50
" 13,	To 1 day copying taxes,	2 00
" 15,	" " " "	2 00
" 16,	" " " "	2 00
" 25,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" "	To horse hire for same,	1 00
Sept. 16,	To journey to Alfred, on Maxwell case,	5 00
Oct. 1,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
	To horse hire for same,	1 00
Nov. 1,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
	To horse hire for same,	1 00
" 8,	To 1-2 day at Wells Beach, on Perkins Road,	1 00
	To horse hire for same,	75
Dec. 1,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
	Amount carried forward,	$98 25

	Amount brought forward,	$98 25
Dec. 27, 1873,	To 1 day at Town House, on town business,	2 00
" 30,	To journey to North Berwick to telegraph I. T. Drew to take Depositions in Maxwell case,	1 00
	To horse hire for same,	75
" 30,	To pay for telegraph dispatch,	75
1874, Jan. 1,	To 1 day at Ogunquit, taking Depositions in Maxwell case,	2 50
Jan. 10,	To 1 day at Ogunquit, looking up witnesses in Maxwell case,	2 00
" 31,	To 1 day at H. Littlefield's, on town business,	2 00
		$109 25

JOSEPH G. STORER,

Auditor.

WELLS, Feb. 17th, 1874.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

CHARLES SHIMER, *Agent*,

SUMMER TERM—CLARA S. CURRIER, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 42. Average, 36.

Miss C. was well suited to the School. Good order was maintained. This term of nine weeks proved satisfactory.

WINTER TERM.

ALONZO K. TRIPP taught five weeks, and it was a profitable schoool. After some delay H. ESTELLA KNOWLES continued the school to its close.

Miss K. kept good order, but for want of interest on the part of the scholars, the school was of little good.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

LEWIS E. KEYES, *Agent*.

SUMMER TERM—ANNIE E. RANKIN, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 61. Average, 46.

The teacher exerted herself earnestly in the work, and with fair success. Order is altogether essential to a school of this size.

WINTER TERM—OLIVIA MILDRAM, *Teacher*.

This school averaging 55 scholars, and live one's too, gives the teacher no time to idle. The forces all moved with the teacher.

Miss M. conducts the school-room exercises quite skillfully. These agencies combined, resulted in educational prosperity.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SAMUEL LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

SUMMER TERM—CLARA C. FARNHAM, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 40. Average, 23.

At the first visit to her school, was inclined to think she might succeed tolerably well, but at the second visit, found that she had failed in judgment, energy and tact, and that she had proved herself a very inefficient teacher.

WINTER TERM—JOHN A. CRAM, *Teacher.*

Have visited the school but once. Found the order and classification of the school such as to warrant success. He has been detained from the school-room two weeks by sickness. Think the scholars must have made good improvement in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms of this school have been under the care of MARY T. WILSON of York. Good order and thoroughness in recitation characterized the Summer School. At the close good improvement was manifest in all the studies.

The Winter term has not yet closed, so a second visit has not been made. Presume the same good success will be manifest at its close as in her former school.

DISTRICT NO 5.

SUMMER TERM—CLARA A. LIBBY, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 40. Average, 34.

Promptness and thoroughness characterized all the recitations, and the scholars seemed to understand the subject of their lessons. At the closing examination marked improvement was manifest. Good order was maintained throughout the school. The recitations in geography and reading were creditable to both teacher and scholars.

WINTER TERM—ALMON H. MERROW, (of Cape Neddick,) *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars, 44. Average, 32.

Good order was sustained at the beginning and close of the school. There was good improvement in reading, spelling, grammar and geography. The recitations in arithmetic were prompt.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Teacher, EMMA M. BUFFUM.

Winter Teacher, JOS. A. LITTLEFIELD.

Both were live and energetic teachers. The district was fortunate in securing the services of such teachers. The examination at the close of the schools, showed that the scholars had profited by their instructions.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM—OLIVE S. LITTLEFIELD, *Teacher.*

This teacher commenced her school well, but at the close a general lack of interest pervaded it. Very little attention was given to study, and the recitations were neither prompt nor correct. Order lax.

WINTER TERM—D. R. FORD, *Teacher.*

He made a good beginning in his school. As it has four weeks longer to continue, a second visit has not yet been made.

DISTRICT NO 8.

This school has been under the instruction of MARIA J. BRAGDON for both terms.

Although this was her first attempt to teach, we think she met with a reasonable degree of success.

DISTRICT NO. 9. PINE HILL.

THADDEUS LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Number of scholars in district. 40. Number attending Summer school, 26. Average, 24. Number attending Winter school, 32. Average, 25. Length of Summer school, eight weeks. Length of Winter school, twelve weeks. Both terms of school were taught by Miss OLIVE LIBBY, of Wells.

Earnest attention to study and careful performance of duty by the scholars, unmistakably shows the confidence they placed in their teacher, who untiringly, impartially, and thoroughly, led them to success.

DISTRICT NO 10.

JOHN ANNIS, *Agent.*

Summer School taught by ADDIE E. LITTLEFIELD. The order, the application to study, and the recitations entire, were quite commendable. Six weeks being length of term, much could not be accomplished.

WINTER TERM.

About four months school under ANNIE E. RANKIN'S instruction. The attendance was such as argues a lively interest. This school, in many respects, was highly profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 11. PERKINSTOWN.

(No Agent chosen.)

Whole number of scholars in district, 10. Whole number attending school, 12. Average, 10.

The amount of school consisted of one term of twelve weeks in the Fall, taught by Miss MARIA W. GOODWIN, of Wells Branch. Her scholers were not made to feel that "difficulty is all the sauce of memory," but rather enabled to receive some little compensation from the first of their apprenticeship. Consequently a pleasant and beneficial school was the result.

DISTRICT NO. 12. BALD HILL.

TRAFTON HATCH, *Agent.*

Number of scholars in district, 40. Number attending Summer, 20. Average, 17.

The Summer term was taught by ELLA S. BUTLER. The teacher was earnest and determined in her efforts for the advancement of her school, and thoroughly did her work.

The Winter term was taught by JOHN STAPLES, of Wells. This was his first effort in teaching, but being a fine scholar, and apt to teach, he made the school an excellent one.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Whole number of scholars in district, 73. Number attending Summer, 48. Average, 34. Whole number attending winter school, 54. Aver-

age, 44. The Summer term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss EMMA C. TALPEY. This school did not show the anticipated degree of improvement. The teacher failed to maintain an interest in the school.

The Winter term of eleven weeks was taught by WARREN B. MAXWELL, of Wells. Good order characterized the school. The manner of teaching was well calculated to insure success. Good improvement was evident in the classes examined, especially in reading, spelling and arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 14. ELM BROOK.

GEORGE GETCHELL, *Agent*,

Whole number of scholars in district, 80. Whole number attending school, 55. Average, 45.

The Summer term was taught by Miss M. A. C. TALPEY, of York. There was every evidence that the scholars were pleased, both with the rules and administration of the school, and bound to their teacher by that close relation of friendship which enabled her to cultivate their self-respect and sense of honor, and make the improvement in every branch of study, praiseworthy.

The Winter term was commenced by Mr. KILLGORE, a man acquainted with some of the best methods of teaching, clear and sharp in his explanations. But he lost the confidence of his scholars, through lack of judgment in discipline, and finding himself unable to gain their co-operation, resigned his position. Mr. JOHN STAPLES is now successfully teaching the school.

DISTRICT NO. 15. HOBBS.

E. J. GETCHELL, *Agent.*

Number of scholars in district, 40. Number attending, 23. Average, 21. Number attending Winter school, 28. Average, 26.

Both terms of school taught by Miss S. J. MILDRAM, of Wells Branch. The marked progress of the school, shown at the examination, proved to us that no one plan of instruction, the success of which depended upon the co-operation of the scholars, however earnest our teachers may be in the performance of their duties, should be applied to all classes. The scholars were interested in their studies, because the teacher made it possible for them to know every day that they were making progress, and progress is always pleasure.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

WINTER TERM—EDWARD R. GOODWIN, *Teacher.*

Mr. G. is a thorough scholar and an apt, active teacher. Part of the scholars availed themselves of the opportunity and made real progress. Age and experience, no doubt, will enable Mr. Goodwin to govern more easily and effectually, when he may compare favorably with the best of teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer School of nine weeks, taught by ELLEN A. EMMONS, of Kennebunk. Number of scholars, 8. General satisfaction was expressed.

Fall term of six weeks, taught by IDA E. WORMWOOD, of Kennebunk, who has good faculty to govern and teach children. This school, though small, was conducted entirely in harmony with our best schools.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

A new feature of Public Instruction, is the Free High School, consisting of three terms. One in the Spring, at Cole's Corner, of ten weeks, under the instruction of HENRY K. WHITE, of Bowdoin College, and Miss OLIVIA MILDRAM, of Wells Branch. Two in the Fall, one at Wells Depot of eleven weeks, under the instruction of H. K. WHITE, and Miss MARY A. C. TALPEY. The other in District No. 4, under the instruction of JOHN A. CRAM, A, B., and Miss CLARA A. LIBBY. Number of different scholars registered during the year, 155. Average attendance of the different schools, 76.

To classify, harmoniously, so many different grades of scholars illustrated the perseverance, wisdom and experience of the teachers. The critcal knowledge displayed by the various classes, at the examinations, proved that they had been thoroughly drilled, that our High school education is practical in its tendencies and we believe its moral tone to be elevating and refining. Inasmuch as excellence invites criticism, we feel that no other apology is necessary for our method of conducting examinations, which may have appeared to some, too severe.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The advantages for education in this town the past year, have been of high rank. There has rarely been more interest in the subject than exists at the present time. Much has been said and written to awaken parents to their duty in this important matter, and every thinking man knows, this done, success is sure. But what is the most direct way to bring this about? We believe it to be in the careful selection of our teachers.

True, it is the duty of the Committee to challenge to the utmost, the capacity of candidates for positions in our schools; but districts should be thoroughly awake to the necessity of choosing their teachers from those best suited to the profession.

Occasional interchanges of visits, by teachers, during the progress of their schools, would keep them from a too self-sufficient condition.

Let parents show to teachers, by their visits in the school-room, that they have an interest there; but especially let them impress upon their children that they have a work to do, and untiringly see that it be performed.

Instruction in vocal music has been introduced in some of our schools, and its advantages can hardly be over-estimated. We hope it will become far more general. Habits of accuracy and quick perception are strengthened by its practice.

That no greater per cent. of the children drawing school money receive benefit from it—this, we think, should awaken an intelligent people to some experiment, aiming at improvement.

A large portion of our school-rooms are good, but are not suitably furnished. Large districts, having abundance of school money, would do well to appropriate a small per cent. of their money in fitting up their school-rooms.

NOTICE.

The Superintending School Committee of Wells, will be in session at the School House, near Ocean House, in Wells, on the third Saturday in April, and second Saturday in May, the second Saturday in September, and the second Saturday in October, at two o'clock P. M., on each of the said days, for the purpose of examining all candidates proposing to teach in town during the ensuing year.

JOSEPH H. MILDRAM,
ALVAN LIBBY,
HOWARD W. LITTLEFIELD,
} Superintending School Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

AND

FINANCIAL CONDITION

OF THE

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REPORT.

Your Auditor, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, and having found them properly vouched and correct, submits the following statement of the financial condition of the Town:

ORDERS ON THE TREASURY.

The Selectmen have drawn 241 Orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	$12,305 41
Of which the Treasurer has redeemed 234, amounting to	11,625 27
Leaving now outstanding 7, amounting to	680 14

The above Orders were drawn for the following purposes, to wit:

SCHOOL ORDERS.

SUMMER TERM.		WINTER TERM.	
Order No. 75, District No. 1,	$32 56	Order No. 158, District No. 1,	$165 12
" " 76, " " 2,	161 24	" " 159, " " 2,	322 48
" " 77, " " 3.	107 30	" " 160, " " 3,	214 60
" " 78, " " 4,	60 87	" " 161, " " 4,	121 74
" " 79, " " 5,	103 13	" " 162, " " 5,	206 26
" " 80, " " 6,	86 17	" " 163, " " 6,	172 34
" " 81, " " 7,	86 17	" " 164, " " 7,	172 34
" " 82, " " 8,	55 58	" " 165, " " 8,	111 16
" " 83, " " 9,	70 60	" " 166, " " 9,	141 20
" " 84, " " 10,	103 75	" " 167, " " 10,	207 50
" " 85, " " 11,	37 52	" " 168, " " 11,	75 04
" " 86, " " 12,	78 94	" " 169, " " 12,	157 88
" " 87, " " 13,	105 86	" " 170, " " 13,	211 72
" " 88, " " 14,	108 42	" " 171, " " 14,	216 84
" " 89, " " 15,	73 94	" " 172, " " 15,	147 88
" " 90, " " 16,	94 51	" " 173, " " 16,	189 02
" " 91, " " 17,	30 56	" " 174, " " 17,	61 12
	$1,447 12		$2,894 24
			1,447 12
			$4,341 36

HIGH SCHOOL.

Order No.		
73.	A. C. Mildram, in full for cash paid High School Teachers, Spring Term,	$343 75
152.	C. W. Moorey, in part for teaching High School, Fall Term,	30 00
176.	C. W. Moorey, in full for teaching High School, Fall Term,	170 00
196.	F. R. Wheeler, in full for teaching High School, Fall Term,	190 00
197.	H. A. Richards, in full for Assistant Teacher, Fall Term, High School,	130 00
198.	A. O. Mildram, in full for Assistant Teacher, Fall Term, High School,	130 00
		$993 75

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Order No.		
6.	Jos. H. Mildram, in full for services in securing High School Teachers, furnishing School Books and visiting High School,	$35 15
224.	H. W. Littlefield, in full for services rendered for the year 1874, up to Jan. 27th, 1875,	49 00
227.	D. W. Perkins, in full for services rendered for the year 1874, up to Jan. 25th, 1875,	56 50
129.	A. C. Mildram, in full for services in securing High School Teacher,	10 00
		$150 65

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.		
12.	D. R. Ford, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, and Attendance with Auditor to March 7th, 1874,	$18 85
	Amount carried forward,	$18 85

	Amount brought forward,	$ 18 85
ORDER NO.		
13.	Henry Littlefield, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, and Attendance with Auditor up to March 7th, 1874,	14 00
18.	Jos. G. Storer, for services as Auditor and expenses in getting Town Reports printed,	17 00
19.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor and Attendance with Auditor from Feb. 9th to Mar. 9th, 1874,	16 00
38.	J. C. Hatch, for services as Treasurer and Attendance with Auditor up to Mar. 27th, 1874,	25 27
93.	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, and Assessor, from Mar. 16 to May 5, 1874,	22 00
103.	J. C. Hatch, for services as Treasurer, from Apr. 1, to Aug, 7th, 1874,	48 56
150.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor, from Mar. 16th to Oct 1st, 1874,	60 00
180.	Jos. G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor from Mar. 16th to Nov. 2nd, 1874,	51 00
199.	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor, from May 22d to Dec. 2d, 1874,	43 00
219.	J. C. Hatch, services as Treasurer to Jan. 2d, 1875,	87 78
233.	Geo. B. Goodale, services as Clerk up to Feb. 8th, 1875,	11 00
235,	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor up to Feb. 9th, 1875,	8 00
237.	Jos. G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor and Assessor, to Feb. 8th, 1875.	12 00
		$434 46

SUPPORT OF POOR AND OTHER EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

ORDER NO.		
2	George Dykeman, for supplies furnished Town Farm,	$7 70
50	Nathaniel Buzzell, for one pair shoes furnished Theo. Buzzell,	1 67
	Amount carried forward,	$9 37

	Amount brought forward,	$9 37
ORDER NO.		
49	Dominicus Pope, for repairing shoes for J. Maxwell,	1 33
62	Bion E. Tripp, for blacksmith work up to May 4, 1874,	4 32
65	Geo. Dykeman, in full for quarterly payment up to April 22, 1874,	100 00
66	Lorin Clark, for pig furnished Town Farm,	4 50
69	David Chick, for supplies furnished Town Farm June 8, 1874,	53 47
98	George Dykeman, in full for quarterly payment up to July 22, 1874,	100 00
99	David Chick, for supplies furnished Town Farm, July 3d to Aug. 10th, 1874,	39 32
102	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished Town Farm from July 4th to July 9th, 1874,	26 37
106	Jos. Getchell, for stove furnished Town Farm,	32 75
113	S. B. Farnsworth, for supplies furnished Town Farm from Jan. 15th to Aug. 18th, 1874,	46 69
130	A. C. Mildram, for two pigs furnished Town Farm,	10 00
175	George Dykeman, quarterly payment up to Oct. 22d, 1874,	100 00
182	David Chick, for supplies furnished Town Farm from Sept. 16th to Nov. 2d, 1874,	29 28
214	David Chick, for supplies furnished Town Farm from Dec. 3d, 1874 to Jan, 1, 1875,	23 17
216	George Dykeman, for supplies furnished Town Farm up to Jan. 2d, 1875,	10 40
223	George Dykeman, for quarterly payment in full up to Jan. 22d, 1875,	100 00
232	Union Store Co., for supplies furnished up to Feb. 8th, 1875,	12 36
		$703 33

INCOME OF TOWN FARM.

Cash received of S. B. Farnsworth, for labor of man, &c.,	$13 97	
Due from Wm. C. Getchell, for boot in exchange of oxen,	25 00	
		$38 97

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses,	$703 33	
Income,	38 97	
Total cost of support of Poor on Town Farm,		$664 36

PARTIAL SUPPLIES.

40	Wm. Fairfield, in full for supplies furnished family of T. J. Green, from Feb. 12th to April 8th, 1874,	$31 25
43	Wm. Rankin, in full for supplies furnished family of A. M. Blabon, from Feb. 13th to April 11th, 1874,	18 00
70	Wm. Fairfield, in full for supplies furnished family of T. J. Green, from April 16th to May 29, 1874,	24 50
71	E. F. Stockwell, in full for medical attendance on S. J. Hatch, residing in Lyman,	7 00
100	Wm. Fairfield, for supplies furnished family of T. J. Green, from June 6th to July 29th, 1874,	18 00
101	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished family of A. M. Blabon, from April 14th to August 10th, 1874,	22 00
114	Keyes & Hatch, for supplies furnished family of John Eaton. Jr., from March 26th to Sept. 1st, 1874,	70 86
184	Wm. Fairfield, for supplies furnished family of T. J. Green, 13 weeks, up to Oct. 30th, 1873,	26 00
193	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished family of John Eaton, Jr., and A. M. Blabon, up to Nov. 9th, 1874,	39 00
207	E. F. Stockwell, for medical attendance on Mrs. Horace Larrabee, in full,	27 00
208	Wm. Fairfield, for supplies furnished family of T. J. Green, from Nov. 7th to Dec. 28th, 1874,	18 00
209	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished family of John Eaton, Jr., from Nov. 9th 1874, to Jan. 1, 1875,	20 00
210	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished family of A. M. Blabon, from Nov. 9th, 1874, to Jan. 1st, 1875,	14 00
213	Jedediah Allen, in full for support of Hannah A. Williams, from Feb. 1st to May 1st, 1874,	10 00
215	Jos. G. Storer, in full for supplies furnished John Eaton, Jr., up to Feb. 31st 1874,	5 75
		$351 36

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

WINTER, 1873-4.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
8,	John Annis,	$10 54
9,	George Getchell,	12 04
10,	Joseph Goodwin,	5 83
14,	Ephraim Littlefield,	17 40
15,	Isaac Hanscom,	45 20
20.	John Bragdon,	1 50
21,	James Allen,	18 00
22,	Charles Skinner,	13 35
26,	Lewis B. Kimball,	3 76
27,	Daniel Moody,	23 36
28,	Alpheus Littlefield,	24 72
29,	Eben Moody,	9 92
32,	David Chick,	18 67
33,	William H. Goodwin,	17 08
36,	Oliver West, 2nd,	12 34
37,	Charles F. Clark,	9 09
39,	W. S. Wells,	36 72
41,	Oren Littlefield,	19 86
42,	Norton H. Perkins,	33 92
44,	Nicholas Littlefield,	4 16
45,	Abner F. Kimball,	12 40
47,	Aaron Bragdon,	34 82
51,	John L. Wells,	11 41
52,	A. C. Mildram,	9 60
53,	Samuel L. Bragdon,	8 00
54,	Andrew C. Clark,	4 84
56,	S. B. Farnsworth,	10 15
58,	Benj. L. Storer,	15 82
59,	William Clark,	6 51
60,	Nahum Boston,	3 00
61,	Stephen Kimball,	12 60
63,	Jarius C. Stuart,	12 00
64,	Thomas B. Littlefield,	20 85
67,	Elbridge Littlefield,	16 50
68,	Charles M. Littlefield,	7 00
92,	Manassah Furbish,	17 68
105,	Daniel Littlefield,	17 50
		$558 14

SUMMER, 1874.

No. Order.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
23,	Charles Skinner,	$14 51
95,	Ephraim Littlefield,	40 51
104,	John Annis,	22 50
108,	Oliver West, 2d,	33 91
109,	John Bragdon,	35 70
115,	Gideon R. Littlefield,	57 83
116,	William A. Stearns,	66 05
118,	Jarius C. Stuart,	15 57
119,	Lorin Clark,	47 90
120,	Jos. Goodwin,	30 00
121,	Thomas H. Taylor,	34 33
122,	Thomas B. Littlefield,	48 01
124,	Stephen Kimball,	35 88
125,	A. C. Mildram,	42 21
126,	Jarius Littlefield,	42 57
127,	Lewis B. Kimball,	43 46
128,	Allen Winn.	69 88
144,	Samuel H. Perkins,	35 04
149,	David Chick,	47 08
155,	George Getchell,	52 29
156,	William G. Getchell,	51 59
177,	Oren Littlefield,	55 36
178,	Gideon R. Littlefield,	65 85
179,	Jos. G. Storer,	58 50
181,	James Allen,	58 02
183,	William H. Goodwin,	38 33
185,	Elijah Allen,	49 82
190,	Daniel Littlefield,	31 45
192,	Andrew C. Clark,	36 16
201,	Nicholas Littlefield,	35 31
202,	S. B. Merrifield,	43 24
203,	S. L. Bragdon,	48 00
205,	Ephraim Littlefield,	21 32
206,	George Jefferds,	31 16
211,	Albert B. Maxwell,	58 02
212,	Jedediah Perkins,	89 76
218,	Elbridge Littlefield.	36 59
220,	S. B. Farnsworth,	88 33
225,	Isaac L. Storer,	5 50
241,	Charles Skinner,	47 18
111,	James Rankin,	81 28
112,	Charles M. Littlefield,	22 00
		$1,868 00
		558 14
		$2,426 14

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Order No.		
24	John A. Tibbetts, in full for 683 feet plank for Tibbetts Bridge,	$13 66
25	Lewis B. Kimball, in full for labor on Tibbetts Bridge,	3 35
48	Edward Hilton, in full for building causeway in said Hilton District,	5 00
74	Lucy S. Littlefield, in full for stone furnished for Maxwell Bridge,	10 00
94	Jos. G. Storer, in full for 720 feet plank for Bridge near John Staples',	10 80
110	Theodore P. Hutchins, in full for building fence and railing Maxwell Bridge,	2 00
117	Wm. Goodale, for extra repairs on road leading from Barak Maxwell's to No. Berwick,	20 67
132	Chas. E. Weare, in full for 3,060 ft. plank, and stringers furnished for bridge near Theo. Phillips',	49 38
133	B. F. Jacobs, in full for stone furnished Maxwell Bridge, in 1873,	20 00
151	Chas. Skinner, in full for labor and material in repairing Mill Parish Bridge,	118 19
		$253 05

REBUILDING CLARK'S BRIDGE.

Order No.		
123.	Thos. C. Hatch, in full for labor on and furnishing steel for Clark's Bridge,	$71 00
131.	Jos. H. Mildram, in full for labor on and for stone furnished Clark's Bridge,	59 00
136.	Geo. F. Stone, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	48 00
137.	Nathan E. Clark, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	90 10
138.	Ivory Goodwin, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	27 00
141.	Alonzo Hubbard, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	44 00
142.	Asa P. Hatch, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	48 00
143.	Jos. G. Storer, in full for labor on and material furnished for Clark's Bridge,	93 66
	Amount carried forward,	$480 76

	Amount brought forward,	$480 76
ORDER NO.		
146.	Chas. F. Clark, in full for use of derrick 25 days on Clark's Bridge,	28 25
147.	Rufus Hubbard, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	61 25
148.	Lewis Hammond, in full for labor on Clark's Bridge,	7 87
		$578 13

BREAKWATER, NEAR O. A. FROST'S.

ORDER NO.		
200.	Wm. Goodale, in full for labor on and material furnished for Breakwater,	$46 11

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

ORDER NO.		
1.	Geo. Hobbs, in full for services as Special Agent, on account B. & M. R. R. Crossings in town,	$15 00
140.	Geo. Hobbs, for labor on the Cole's Corner Crossing of B. & M. R. R. Co.,	96 25
153.	Daniel Clark, in full for 2,170 feet boards, at $20, and 86 oak posts, at 25c., furnished for the Burnt Mill Crossing of B. & M. R. R. Co.,	64 90
187.	Geo. Goodwin, in full for 4 1-2 days labor on fence of the Burnt Mill Crossing of B. &. M. R. R. Co.,	11 25
188.	Geo. H. Rankin, in full for 3 1-2 days labor on the Burnt Mill Crossing of B. &. M. R. R. Co.,	8 75
189.	Wm. Rankins, in full for nails furnished for the Burnt Mill Crossing of B. & M. R. R. Co.,	1 74
		$197 89

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order No.		
3.	Wm. G. Getchell, for abatement of returned Highway taxes as follows: Oliver Stevens, 1870, 75c.; J. H. Staples, 1870, 75c.; Moses Stuart, 1870, $2.85; A. S. Winn, 1870, 75c.; C. C. M. Littlefield, 1870, 75c; for 1872 est. of Obed. Jacobs, $1.36; Wm. T. Jacobs, $2.20; C. S. Winn, $1.93; E. O. Hedden, $1.87; Geo. Hobbs, $14.80.	$28 01
4.	Wm. G. Getchell, for abatement of taxes as follows: John Williams, poll tax, $3 00; Wm. Parks, per. est., 1 85; Susan F. Chapman, real est., 14 80; est. of Judson Littlefield, 18 50; Story Hatch, poll tax, 3 00, 1872,	41 15
5.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement of taxes, 1872. as follows: Est. of Allen Perkins, $2 96; Oliver Butland, poll tax, 3 00,	5 96
7.	Jos. M. Goodwin, abatement per. tax, 1873, error in assessment,	10 25
30.	First Cong'l Parish, abatement tax, 1872, illegally assessed,	22 20
31.	Free Baptist Parish, abatement tax 1872, illegally assessed,	3 70
139.	James M. Thompson, abatement tax 1872 and 1873, of town, county and state,	26 00
57.	J. C. Hatch, abatement non resident tax 1872, as follows: Dorothy Hatch, $2 96, r. e.; Isaiah Chadbourne, 7 03, real est,; Ezra Hedden, 1 87, highway returned,	11 86
145.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement tax 1872, 1873; Sam'l H. Perkins, poll tax,	6 00
154.	Davis, Worcester & Co., abatement tax 1872 and 1873 of town, county and state,	224 00
186.	Elijah Allen, abatement tax real est., error in assessment,	5 00
191.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement tax of 1873, as follows: Est. of Isaiah Farwell, $8 00; Chas. Benway, poll tax, 3 00; Dan'l S. Maxwell, poll tax, 3 00; Josiah York, poll tax, 3 00,	17 00
	Amount carried forward,	$401 13

	Amount brought forward,	$401 13
ORDER NO.		
194.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement taxes 1872, as follows: Eben and Chas. Gray, poll tax, $6 00; Langdon Welch, do. 3 00; Chas. P. Hilton, do. 3 00; est. of Eben Hilton, 5 55; Dan'l Hatch, poll tax, 3 00,	20 55
195.	Edwin M. Littlefield, abatement tax 1871, as follows: Eben Hilton, poll tax 3 00, real est., 6 90,	9 90
204.	Thaddeus Brooks, abatement tax 1872, real est.,	4 81
217.	John N. Hart, abatement ret. highway tax, 1870,	7 28
228.	Mary O. Rich, abatement in part tax real est. 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1873,	2 36
229.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement tax 1873 as follows: Richard Littlefield, poll tax $3 00; Chas. Andrews, do. 3 00; John Cardon, do. 3 00; J. Cardon, do. 3 00; M. M. Getchell, do. 3 00; Benj. Hatch, do. 3 00; Story Hatch, do. 3 00; Dan'l Hatch, do. 3 00; Jos. Stuart, do. 3 00; J. Bowden, real est. 2 46; Allen Perkins, real est., 2 46; Hosea Hatch, real est., 4 51; Benj. Pierce, real est., 3 28; R. Littlefield, real est. and per., 4 10,	43 81
230.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement tax 1872, as follows: Langdon Welch, poll tax $3 00; Sylvester Seavy, poll tax 3 00; est. of Wm. Littlefield, 3 28,	9 28
234.	Edwin M. Littlefield, abatement tax; Jos. Maxwell, real est.,	17 48
237.	Wm. G. Getchell, abatement taxes 1873, as follows: C. M. Blabon, poll tax $3 00; Nath'l Blabon, do. 3 00; Chas. T. Buzzell, do. 3 00; John Eaton, Jr., do. 3 00; Henry Cain, do. 3 00; John Goodwin, 2d, do. 3 00; Thomas Littlefield, do. 3 00; Chas. Larrabee, do. 3 00; Levi Larrabee, do. 3 00; Wm. Parks, do. 3 00; Israel Wakefield, do. 3 00; John Bragdon, real est. 2 46; A. M. Blabon, real est., 3 28; Wm. Parks, real est. 1872, 1 85; A. M. Blabon, per. tax 2 05; Bemis Hatch, poll tax, 3 00,	45 64
238.	J. C. Hatch, abatement non resident ret. taxes, as follows: Isaiah Chadbourne, real est. $6 15; Dorothy Hatch, real est. 3 28,	9 43
		$571 67

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.		
11.	John Hanscom, in full for printing town reports, and express on same,	$60 30
16.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins from Dec. 31, 1873, to Feb. 28, 1874,	29 29
17.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Benj. F. Wells from Dec. 31, 1873, to Feb. 28, 1874,	29 31
34.	David Chick, in full for furnishing Collectors' Valuation and Highway Surveyors' Books,	12 33
35.	Augustus Jones, for furnishing wood and taking care of Town House for the year ending April 1, 1874,	13 00
46.	Edwin M. Littlefield, in full for balance due for collecting tax of 1871,	7 46
55.	E. J. Getchell, in full for serving writ of Joseph Maxwell on Aaron Maxwell, May 7, 1872,	2 89
72.	Edwin M. Littlefield, in full for services as investigating committee for the year 1869, and costs of court,	90 09
96.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to May 31st, 1874,	30 27
97.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Benj. F. Wells, up to May 31, 1874,	29 65
107.	Watson and Sons, in full for printing 300 Town Order Blanks,	2 09
134.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to Aug. 31, 1874,	30 27
135.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Benj. F. Wells, up to Aug. 31, 1874,	26 84
157.	Wm. G. Getchell, for 5 per cent. discount on $11,800, paid to Town, County and State Treasurers, to Oct. 1, 1874, of 1874 Tax,	621 05
221.	Maine Insane Hospital, in full for support of Gooch Perkins, up to Nov. 30, 1874,	33 80
222.	Maine Insane Hospital, in full for support of Benj. F. Wells, up to Nov. 30th, 1874,	45 89
226.	Jacob Storer, in full for coffin and burial expenses of John Eaton Jr..	15 00
236.	Wm. Quint, for digging grave for John Eaton, Jr.,	3 00
239.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting taxes of 1873,	100 00
240.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting taxes for the year 1874,	75 00
		$1,257 53

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$4,341,36	
For High Schools,	993 75	
S. S. Committee,	150 63	
Town Officers, 1874,	434 46	
Town Farm, 1874,	703 33	
Partial Supplies,	351 36	
Repairs of Highways,	2,426 14	
Roads and Bridges,	253 05	
For Clark's Bridge,,	578 13	
Breakwater,	46 11	
B. & M. R. R. Crossings,	197 89	
Abatement of Taxes,	571 67	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,257 53	
		$12,305 41

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1874—5.

Order No.			
48.	Edward Hilton,	$5 00	
110.	Theodore Hutchins,	2 00	
159.	School District No. 2,	322 48	
170.	" " " 13,	211 72	
174.	" " " 17,	61 12	
205.	Ephraim Littlefield,	21 32	
227.	D. W. Perkins,	56 50	
			$680 14

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1872.

Date.			
April 1,	Eliab Stevens,	$642 48	
April 25,	Louisa Jones,	150 00	
May 8,	Sarah A. Littlefield,	570 40	
May 20,	Asa Littlefield,	200 00	
June 6,	A. F. Littlefield,	232 77	
July 11,	Otis Winn,	60 00	
		$1,855 65	
	Interest on above notes,	362 80	
			$2,218 45

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1873.

Date.				
Feb.	10.	Nancy Sargent,	$50 00	
Mar.	29.	Henry Plaisted,	215 34	
May	12.	Olive H. Hatch,	70 00	
June	18,	Joseph H. Penny,	280 00	
Sept.	8,	Mary J. Wakefield,	100 00	
"	8,	Eliza Wild,	66 50	
"	12,	Elizabeth F. Grant,	200 00	
"	16,	Joseph Hilton,	92 00	
Oct.	9,	Martha Wells,	50 00	
"	11,	Mary A. Rankins,	294 46	
"	21,	Ann M. Staples,	100 00	
Nov.	1,	Joseph M. Goodwin,	1,000 00	
"	3,	Joseph Hilton,	85 00	
"	10.	Charles E. Gowen,	200 00	
"	"	Joseph M. Goodwin,	100 00	
"	"	Jere B. Norton,	1,000 00	
"	"	Henry Littlefield,	100 00	
Dec.	5.	Henry Plaisted,	191 34	
			$4,194 64	
Interest on above Notes,			398 70	
				$4,593 34

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1874-5.

Date.				
Feb.	18.	Pauline Shorey,	$ 100 00	
"	"	" "	60 00	
"	23.	Joseph Hilton,	1,379 60	
Mar.	11.	Abner and Wm. Chaney,	777 28	
"	"	John L. Wells,	200 00	
"	13.	Joseph Hilton,	895 21	
"	27.	Eliab Stevens,	400 00	
"	28.	Erastus Hilton,	673 85	
Apr.	15.	Olive L. Worth,	87 83	
"	22.	Hannah Littlefield,	82 57	
"	25.	Almon Hatch,	100 00	
May	29.	Alvan Libby,	1,084 58	
June	5.	John Rankins,	74 55	
"	13.	Louisa Witham,	200 00	
Amount carried forward,				$6,115 47

Amount brought forward,				$6,115 47
June	13,	Lyntha Witham,	200 00	
July	29.	James Donnell	100 00	
Aug.	3·	Susan M. Rankins,	100 00	
"	25.	Geo. Bean,	900 00	
Sept.	14.	John Wells,	1,300 00	
"	"	Saaah W. Hill,	268 95	
"	26.	Melinda C. Bragdon,	363 00	
Oct.	8.	Hannah N. Littlefield,	428 93	
Nov.	3.	Tristram Hilton,	278 36	
"	19.	Mary A. Butler,	127 47	
"	28,	Lucy G. Cole,	257 79	
"	"	Elizabeth Cole,	161 87	
Jan. 1 '75.		Sarah Hobbs,	1,700 00	
"	"	Harriet W. Hobbs,	300 00	
"	"	Daniel Wheelwright,	205 00	
Feb.	1.	Laura R. Littlefield,	1,400 00	
"	13.	Tristram Hilton,	1,987 83	
				$10,079 20
				$16,194 67
Interest on above Notes,				530 06
				$16,724 73

STATEMENT,

Showing the Financial Condition of the Town at the date of this Report.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders of 1874-75,	$680 14	
" Treasury Notes of 1872,	1,855 65	
" " " " 1873,	4,194 64	
" " " " 1874-75,	16,194 67	
Interest on " " " 1872,	362 80	
" " " " 1873,	398 70	
" " " " 1874-75,	530 06	
On Acct. of Books, as per vote of Town,	1,000 00	
		$25,216 66

RESOURCES.

Due from non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	98 31	
" " " " " 1870,	74 20	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	85 82	
" " " " " 1873,	133 25	
" " State School Fund " 1874,	678 23	
" " " Mill Tax " 1875,	947 13	
" " Wm. G. Getchell on tax of 1873,	65 00	
" " " " " " " " 1874,	19,394 60	
" " Geo. Goodwin for labor of man and oxen on Town Farm,	24 28	
Due from Wm. G. Getchell, for boot in exchange of oxen,	25 00	
" on Acct. of Books,	500 00	
Am't Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,491 28	
		$23,551 60

Am't of liabilities, deducting resources, $1,665 06

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the following sums:

For support of Poor and other Town expenses,	$2,000 00
" " " Schools,	2,302 40
" " " High Schools,	1,000 00
" repairs " Highways,	3,000 00
Voted, to raise Twenty Thousand Dollars to pay the indebtedness of the Town,	20,000 00
Overlay,	1,392 20
	$29,694 60
State Tax,	3,426 09
County Tax,	1,158 29
	$34,278 98

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	$2,302 40
State School Fund, 1873, and " Mill Tax, 1874,	817 59
" School Fund, 1874, and " Mill Tax, 1875,	1,221 37
	$4,341 36

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

JOSHUA C. HATCH, Treasurer,

In account with Town of Wells, for the year ending Feb. 17, 1875.

Dr.

To non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	113 31	
" " " " " 1870,	139 71	
" " " " " 1871,	39 48	
" " " " " 1872,	709 97	
" " " " " " not reported,	7 46	
" " " " " " " " highway,	6 41	
" Bal. commitment of 1871 Tax, (E. M. Littlefield, Col.,)	100 00	
" " " " 1872 " (Wm. G. Getchell, ")	75 00	
" " " " 1873 " (" " ")	7,670 09	
" Commitment " 1874 " (" " ")	29,694 60	
" Cash on hand Feb. 17, 1874,	3,226 58	
" " Received State School Fund, 1873,	622 79	
" " " " Mill Tax, 1874,	927 93	
" " " " High School Tax, 1874,	496 87	
" " " of S. B. Farnsworth for labor of man and oxen on Town Farm,	46 69	
To Cash received of Theo. Wells for 1-3 support of Benj. F. Wells, for the year ending Nov. 30, 1874,	43 90	
To Cash loaned,	24,655 56	
		$68,590 15

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

JOSHUA C. HATCH, Treasurer,

In account with Town of Wells, for the year ending Feb. 17, 1875.

		Cr.
By non-resident taxes uncollected of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	98 31	
" " " " " 1870,	74 20	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	85 82	
" " " " " 1873,	133 25	
" bal. commitment of 1873 tax uncollected, (Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,)	65 00	
By bal. commitment of 1874 tax uncollected, (Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,)	19,394 60	
By amount orders paid of 1873–74,	696 48	
" " " " " 1874–75,	11,625 27	
" " treasury notes paid,	32,660 44	
" " interest on same paid,	2,231 00	
Amount cash on hand Feb. 17, 1875,	1,491 28	
		$68,590 15

AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

AND

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Auditor, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, and having found them properly vouched and correct, submits the following statement of the financial condition of the Town:

ORDERS ON THE TREASURY.

The Selectmen have drawn 270 Orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	$12,098 58
Of which the Treasurer has redeemed 257, amounting to	11,449 20
Leaving now outstanding 13, amounting to	$649 38

The above orders were drawn for the following purposes, to wit:

SCHOOL ORDERS.

SUMMER TERM.		WINTER TERM.	
Order No. 98, District No. 1,	$93 73	Order No. 172, District No. 1,	$187 46
" " 99, " " 2,	130 17	" " 173, " " 2,	260 34
" " 100, " " 3,	95 72	" " 174, " " 3,	191 44
" " 101, " " 4,	70 67	" " 175, " " 4,	141 34
" " 102, " " 5,	99 26	" " 176, " " 5,	198 52
" " 103, " " 6,	84 27	" " 177, " " 6,	168 54
" " 104, " " 7,	80 72	" " 178, " " 7,	161 44
" " 105, " " 8,	54 10	" " 179, " " 8,	108 20
" " 106, " " 9,	74 10	" " 180, " " 9,	148 20
" " 107, " " 10,	96 90	" " 181, " " 10,	193 80
" " 108, " " 11,	52 48	" " 182, " " 11,	104 96
" " 109, " " 12,	72 43	" " 183, " " 12,	144 86
" " 110, " " 13,	98 08	" " 184, " " 13,	196 16
" " 111, " " 14,	102 95	" " 185, " " 14,	205 90
" " 112, " " 15,	74 10	" " 186, " " 15,	148 20
" " 113, " " 16,	87 73	" " 187, " " 16,	175 46
" " 114, " " 17,	41 84	" " 188, " " 17,	83 68
	$1,409 25		$2,818 50
			1,409 25
			$4,227 75

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Order No.		
18.	Est. Alvin Libby, for services rendered up to Feb. 11, 1874,	$1 50
19.	A. C. Mildram, for services rendered for the year 1874 up to March 20th, 1875,	52 50
267.	Daniel W. Perkins, for services rendered from April 17, 1875, to Feb. 11, 1876,	60 00
		$114 00

HIGH SCHOOL.

Order No.		
85.	Joseph G. Storer, for cash paid Greeley, Principal of High School, Spring Term,	$60 00
115.	E. K. Greeley, Principal of High School, Spring Term,	90 00
116.	Olivia A. Mildram, in full for teaching High School, Spring Term,	91 00
120.	Susan A. Getchell, in full for teaching High School, Spring Term,	39 00
122.	George Hatch, in full for board of High School Teacher,	40 00
191.	L. A. Stanwood, Principal of High School, Fall Term, in full,	150 00
192.	H. F. Towle, Principal of High School, Fall Term, in full,	195 00
193.	Alanson Littlefield, in full for board of High School Teacher,	40 00
194.	Horace Littlefield, in full for board of High School Teacher,	30 00
195.	Olivia A. Mildram, in full for teaching High School, Fall Term,	130 00
189.	S. J. Mildram, in full for teaching High School, Fall Term,	100 00
		$965 00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.		
10.	Joshua C. Hatch, for services as Treasurer, from Jan. 4th up to Feb. 27th, 1875,	$40 20
	Amount carried forward,	$40 20

	Amount brought forward,	$40 20
ORDER NO.		
11.	David Chick, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from October 1, 1874, to March 1, 1875,	24 50
13.	William Goodale, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to March 8th, 1875,	15 00
27.	L. A. Stevens, for services as Auditor and expenses in getting Town Reports printed,	24 00
29.	Joseph G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 28th, 1875,	12 00
69.	Joseph G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to May 1, 1875,	20 00
121.	Wm. Goodale for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to May 1, 1875,	17 00
141.	Joseph G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to July 31, 1875,	27 00
161.	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Sept. 1, 1875,	52 00
211.	Joseph H. Mildram, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Nov. 27, 1875,	43 00
239.	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 7, 1876,	27 00
244.	Joseph G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 8th, 1876,	30 00
248.	Joseph H. Mildram, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 8th, 1875,	9 00
249.	George B. Goodale, for services as Town Clerk, up to Feb. 10th, 1876,	14 00
268.	Joshua C. Hatch, for services as Treasurer, from March 19th, 1875, to Feb. 11th, 1876,	82 60
		$437 30

SUPPORT OF POOR AND OTHER EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

ORDER NO.		
3	David Chick, for supplies furnished Town Farm, Jan. 18, 1875,	$4 50
40	Jos. G. Storer, for lumber sawed for Farm,	7 60
	Amount carried forward,	$12 10

	Amount brought forward,	$12 10
ORDER NO.		
41	Geo. Dykeman, quarterly payment up to April 22, 1875,	100 00
95	Wm. Rankin, supplies furnished Town Farm, from Dec. 1, 1874, to June 1, 1875,	52 78
142	Geo. Dykeman, quarterly payment up to July 22, 1875,	100 00
190	Wm. Rankin, supplies furnished Town Farm, from June 1, to Oct. 1, 1875,	47 04
199	Geo Dykeman, quarterly payment up to Oct. 22, 1875,	100 00
206	Union Store Co., supplies furnished Town Farm, from April 30, to Nov. 25, 1875,	142 86
217	Jeremiah Allen, shoat for Town Farm,	7 50
220	B. G. Kimball, for Blacksmith work, Dec. 24, 1875,	3 50
225	Jos. G. Storer, supplies furnished Dec. 27, 1875,	3 50
234	Joseph Cain, for shoat furnished Town Farm,	8 00
238	George Dykeman, quarterly payment in full to Jan. 22, 1876,	100 00
243	Wm. Rankin, for supplies furnished Town Farm, Oct. 1, 1875, to Jan. 29, 1876,	40 67
245	Union Store Co., for supplies furnished Town Farm, from Nov. 25, 1875, to Feb. 5, 1876,	27 01
250	Jos. G. Storer, lumber sawed for Town Farm,	6 50
		$751 46

We have furnished to tramps, at the Farm during the municipal year, five hundred and seventy meals, which adds very considerably to the expenses at the Farm, and will account in some measure for the increase the past year.

SUPPLIES OUTSIDE OF TOWN FARM.

ORDER NO.		
1	Wm. Fairfield, in full for supplies furnished T. J. Green, from Jan. 8, to Feb. 23, 1875,	$28 50
2	John Cousens, for supplies furnished Samuel W. Green, to Feb. 23, 1875,	14 00
5	Wm. Rankins, supplies furnished D. Wells, A. M. Blabon, and John Eaton, to March 1st, 1875,	42 50
	Amount carried forward,	$85 00

	Amount brought forward,	$85 00
ORDER NO.		
20	Wm. Rankin, supplies furnished D. Wells, A. M. Blabon, and John Eaton, to Apr. 1, 1875,	16 50
63	E. F. Stockwell, medical attendance on Mrs. Larrabee, and Hatch, to Mar. 25, 1875,	16 00
81	Wm. Fairfield, supplies furnished S. W. and T. J. Green, to Mar. 25, 1875,	16 34
18	Geo. Getchell, cash paid wandering pauper,	2 50
48	Town of Kennebunk, supplies furnished Charles Larrabee's son, to August 25, 1875,	4 00
71	E. F. Stockwell, medical attendance on Mrs. Larrabee and Hatch, to July 25th, 1875,	15 00
00	Town of N. Berwick, supplies furnished Hiram Chaney, Oct. 30, 1875,	2 00
01	Frank M. Ross, medical attendance on T. J. Green, to Aug. 27th, 1875.	18 40
40	Town of Berwick, supplies furnished Chas. G. Benway,	3 00
42	Wm. Rankin, supplies furnished widow Eaton,	3 00
51	Wm. G. Getchell, board and care of Herbert Blabon, while sick, from Nov. 19, 1875, to Feb. 7th, 1876, in full,	120 00
		$301 74

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

WINTER, 1874-5.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
7,	William G. Getchell,	$27 68
22,	Lewis B. Kimball,	14 85
24,	George Getchell,	17 58
27,	David Chick,	18 91
28,	Oliver West, 2d,	15 83
30,	John Annis,	18 58
32,	Albra Littlefield,	37 00
33,	Ephraim Littlefield,	24 89
34,	Jarius C. Stuart,	15 91
35,	John Bragdon,	5 00
36,	Josias Littlefield,	28 11
37,	S. B. Merrifield,	7 47
38,	Wm. A. Stevens,	24 42
39,	Gideon R. Littlefield,	38 86
42,	Elbridge Littlefield,	20 53
43,	George Jefferds,	20 16
44,	A. C. Mildram,	18 00
45,	Joshua C. Hatch,	16 83
57,	Elijah Allen,	53 00
58,	Joseph Allen,	22 50
61,	Allen Winn, 2d,	25 27
62,	Thomas H. Taylor,	19 02
66,	Samuel H. Perkins,	42 22
67,	Jos. G. Storer,	28 25
68,	James Rankins,	20 47
73,	Wm. G. Getchell,	25 50
78,	Joseph Goodwin,	20 92
82,	Oren Littlefield,	19 33
83,	Lorenzo D. Littlefield,	22 10
86,	A. C. Clark,	4 17
90,	A. B. Maxwell,	41 50
91,	Nicholas Littlefield,	5 07
92,	Stephen Kimball,	19 50
96,	Charles Skinner,	13 67
97,	Daniel Littlefield,	21 00
117,	S. B. Farnsworth,	10 00
143,	T. B. Littlefield,	25 18
144,	S. L. Bragdon,	23 76
214,	C. M. Littlefield,	11 50
218,	Jedediah Perkins,	6 90
222,	Jacob Taylor,	3 50
Part of 89,	Nath'l Hilton,	4 66
Part of 145,	J. G. Hall,	8 50
		$868 10

SUMMER, 1875.

No. Order.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
31,	Albra Littlefield, 1874,	$27 58
70,	James Rankins, "	17 91
89,	Nathaniel Hilton, "	15 83
119,	George Getchell,	53 60
123,	George B. Goodale,	54 73
124,	Charles H. Smith,	25 67
125,	Oren Littlefield,	55 36
128,	J. D. Wells,	32 83
129,	Henry D. Donnell,	22 86
130,	Edward Hilton, 2nd.,	28 95
133,	Wm. G. Getchell,	46 00
135,	Lebbeus Littlefield,	38 00
136,	Nathan E. Clark,	34 50
137,	N. J. Gray,	21 90
138,	C. M. Smith,	61 83
139,	J. G. Storer,	37 00
145,	J. G. Hall, for 1874,	60 00
146,	Lewis B. Kimball,	43 46
147,	Allen Winn, 2nd.,	60 85
155,	O. M. Davis,	104 13
156,	Oliver West, 2nd.,	43 94
158,	Joseph Allen,	65 13
159,	Elijah Allen,	50 27
160,	J. C. Hatch,	40 48
162,	George B. Goodale,	14 39
163,	Nicholas Littlefield,	34 71
164,	C. C. Littlefield,	35 40
165,	George E. Bragdon,	31 45
167,	Josias Littlefield,	42 51
168,	Moses Stuart,	42 80
196,	Wm. H. Taylor,	37 33
197,	Ivory Chaney,	18 13
198,	Joseph Goodwin,	30 00
204,	Thomas A. Chick,	50 00
205,	John Grant,	39 29
207,	Christopher Littlefield,	35 00
208,	Chas. H. Littlefield,	95 26
209,	Nathan E. Clark,	7 67
213,	George Pike,	33 32
219,	Jonas C. Bragdon,	32 48
221,	John L. Wells,	68 45
223,	Jos. D. Wells,	20 18
224,	Henry D. Donnell,	25 60
226,	Albert B. Maxwell, '74,	23 89
227,	" " "	56 43
228,	" " " Co. R'd,	10 90
229,	Geo. E. Bragdon,	3 00
230,	Thomas C. Hatch,	58 80
231,	Geo. Hatch & Co.,	8 05
932,	S. B. Farnsworth,	88 26
233,	Elisha Littlefield, 2nd.,	22 00
235,	Thomas C. Hatch,	16 39
236,	Albert J. Winn,	34 79
241,	Charles E. Weare,	6 67
246,	Lebbeus Littlefield,	10 35
247,	B. F. Wells,	64 00
		$2140 31
		868 10
		$3,008 41

BREAKWATER AND MAXWELL BRIDGE.

Order No.		
4.	J. M. Eaton, for use of timber on temporary bridge, near Barak Maxwell's, 1873,	$6 00
166.	Barak Maxwell, materials furnished Maxwell Bridge,	5 58
210.	Wm. Goodale, for labor and materials furnished for breakwater, near O. A. Frost's house,	85 34
		$96 92

BRIDGE NEAR BUFFUM'S WHARF.

Order No.		
46.	Wm. Goodale, for labor and materials for same,	$34 86
47.	Joseph Cain, labor on bridge,	29 37
48.	David Kimball, for iron work on same,	3 25
49.	Keyes & Hatch, nails for bridge,	4 25
50.	George Emmons, for loan of pile driver,	25 00
51.	E. Wood, for labor on bridge,	19 25
52.	G. H. Phillips, " " "	15 00
53.	G. B. Goodale, " " "	15 00
54.	J. F. Bragdon, " " "	14 00
55.	Samuel Lindsey, for loan of scow,	9 00
56.	O. M. Davis, labor and materials for bridge,	10 89
59.	Christopher Littlefield, for getting and returning pile driver,	16 00
60.	George Goodwin, for labor on bridge,	14 00
64.	Wm. D. Moulton, plank for bridge,	11 55
65.	Wm. Maxwell, materials for bridge,	40 00
		$261 42

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order No.		
6.	Charles H. West and S. Bragdon, real estate, 1874,	$8 20
9.	Wm. Getchell, estate of Nahum Welch, real estate, 1873,	10 00
12.	Charles E. Gowen, personal estate, 1874,	8 20
71.	Alpha Turner, poll and personal estate, 1874,	4 64
72.	Wm. Tobey, real estate, 1874,	7 38
	Amount carried forward,	$38 42

	Amount brought forward,	$38 42
ORDER No.		
74.	John Rankin, poll tax, 1873 and 1874,	6 00
75.	D. J. Dow, poll and real estate, 1873,	5 46
76.	Susan F. Chapman, real estate, 1873,	12 30
77.	S. B. Farnsworth, personal estate, 1874,	15 00
88.	Jacob Taylor, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
94.	Christopher Kimball, poll taxes, 1873 and 1874,	6 00
126.	S. B. Merrifield, real estate, 1874,	12 00
134.	John A. Tibbets, real estate, 1873,	6 67
149.	James Tabor, poll tax, 1873,	3 00
150.	Alonzo Richford, poll tax, 1873,	3 00
151.	Simon S. Hatch, poll tax, 1872,	3 00
152.	Estate of Eben Hilton, real estate, 1873,	6 15
153.	Estate of Benj. Hatch, real and personal estate, 1873,	2 51
157.	James M. Tabor, personal estate, 1873 and 1874,	4 92
202.	Charles Hammond, personal estate, 1872, 1873 and 1874,	16 00
212,	Asa Littlefield, poll tax, 1875,	3 00
252,	Charles Wheelwright, poll tax, 1873,	3 00
253,	Estate of John Bragdon, real est., 1874,	4 92
254,	James A. Bragdon, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
255,	John Bragdon, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
256,	A. M. Blabon, real est., 1874,	6 56
257,	Henry Cain, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
258,	Benajah Hatch, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
259,	Charles Larabee, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
260,	James L. Wells, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
261,	Israel Wakefield, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
262,	Josephus Bragdon, real est. 1874,	4 92
263,	Wm. H. Copeland, poll and personal estate, 1874,	4 64
264,	Estate of Hosea Hatch, real estate, 1874,	1 64
265,	Storer Hatch, poll tax, 1874,	3 00
266,	Estate of Wm. Littlefield, real estate, 1874,	6 56
269,	Eunice Littlefield, error in assessment of 1874,	20 50
270,	Alvah Chaney, real estate, error in assessment of 1869,	9 69
		$232 86

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.		
8.	Wm. G. Getchell, notifying Town Meetings and Town Officers, years 1872, 1873 and 1874, to March 8th, 1875,	$49 50
14.	E. E. Bourne, four hundred copies History of Wells and Kennebunk,	1,000 00
15.	Maine Insane Hospital, board of Gooch Perkins from Nov. 30th, 1874, to Feb. 28th, 1875,	32 65
16.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells, from Nov. 30th, 1874, to Feb. 28th, 1875,	32 56
17.	John Hanscom, printing six hundred copies Town Reports, year 1874,	50 00
21.	Nathaniel Hobbs, in full for legal advice, to Mar. 13, 1875,	62 00
23.	F. W. Eaton, carting two boxes of books from Eastern Depot to Wm. Goodale's,	1 50
25.	E. R. R. Co., for transporting books from Portland to Wells,	1 90
79.	Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books and stationery,	13 85
80.	John Hanscom, printing Town Order Blanks,	2 00
84.	Augustus Jones, care of Town House, year ending Apr. 2nd. 1875,	13 00
87.	George Hobbs, (Agent for town, on B. & M. R. R. crossings) services to March 8th, 1875,	16 50
93.	J. H. Mildram, surveying road near T. H. Taylor's,	2 50
127.	Jere G. Hall, in full for Medical attendance on John Eaton and Health Officer for 1874,	11 25
131.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins from Feb. 28th, to May 31st. 1875,	32 56
132.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells from Feb. 28th, to May 31st, 1875,	32 59
140.	C. M. Smith, digging grave for Mrs. Day,	1 50
154.	Jacob Storer, coffins for Mrs. Day and Hatch,	25 50
169.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins from May 31st, to Aug. 31st, 1875,	32 56
170.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells from May 31st, to Aug. 31st, 1875,	32 59
203.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting Town, State and County tax, year 1874,	60 00
215.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins to Nov. 30th, 1875,	40 18
216.	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells to Nov. 30th, 1875,	33 03
237.	A. K. Tripp, in full for services & cash paid in Maxwell case,	122 00
		$1,701 72

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$4,227 75	
S. S. Committee,	114 00	
For High Schools,	965 00	
Town Officers, 1875,	437 30	
Town Farm, 1875,	751 46	
Supplies outside Farm,	301 74	
Repairs of Highways,	3,008 41	
Breakwater and Maxwell Bridge,	96 92	
Bridge near Buffum Wharf,	261 42	
Abatement of Taxes,	232 86	
Miscellaneous Bills,	1,701 72	
		$12,098 58

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1874.

Order No.		
110.	Theodore Hutchins,	$2 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1875—6.

Order No.			
86.	Andrew C. Clark,	$4 17	
175.	District No. 4,	141 34	
188.	" " 17,	83 68	
218.	Jedediah Perkins,	6 90	
219.	Jonas C. Bragdon,	32 48	
226.	A. B. Maxwell,	23 89	
227.	" " "	56 47	
228.	" " "	10 90	
230.	Thomas C. Hatch,	58 80	
236.	A. Winn,	34 79	
237.	A. K. Tripp,	122 00	
249.	G. B. Goodale,	14 00	
267.	D. W. Perkins,	60 00	
			$649 38

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES, 1872.

April 25,	Louisa Jones,	$150 00
May 20,	Asa Littlefield,	200 00
June 6,	A. F. Littlefield,	232 77
		$582 77
	Interest on above notes,	$145 38

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1873.

DATE.			
Feb. 10,	Nancy Sargent,	$50 00	
Mar. 29,	Henry Plaisted,	215 34	
Oct. 21,	Ann M. Staples,	100 00	
Nov. 1,	Joseph M. Goodwin,	1,000 00	
Nov. 10,	Joseph M. Goodwin,	100 00	
Dec. 5,	Henry Plaisted,	191 34	
			$1656 68
	Interest on above notes,		273 30

OUTSLANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1874.

DATE.			
Apr. 22,	Hannah Littlefield,	$82 57	
Sept. 14,	Sarah W. Hill,	268 95	
Nov. 28,	Lucy G. Cole,	257 79	
" "	Elizabeth Cole,	161 87	
			$771 81
	Interest on above notes,		69 13

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1875—6.

DATE.			
May 20,	Joseph Hilton,	$1,154 00	
" "	" "	1,483 44	
" 26,	Eliab Stevens,	1,204 77	
" "	John Wells,	200 00	
" "	Martha Wells,	50 00	
April,	Mary A. Rankin,	324 80	
May 29,	Jeremiah B. Norton,	1,108 69	
June 13,	Lyntha Witham,	150 00	
" "	Louisa Witham,	150 00	
July 17,	Hannah J. Libby,	1,170 62	
Aug. 4,	Joseph H. Penny,	310 00	
" 19,	Laura R. Littlefield,	1,000 00	
Oct. 8,	Hannah N. Goodale,	459 00	
Nov. 9,	M. M. Hatch,	1,010 00	
" "	Geo. Bean,	868 60	
Jan. 8, '76.	Wm. Hobbs,	121 31	
" " "	Sarah Hobbs,	1,700 00	
" 10, "	Mary J. Wakefield,	116 37	
Feb. 5, "	Henry Littlefield,	90 30	
			$12,671 90
	Interest on above notes,		472 99
			$13,144 89

STATEMENT,

Showing the Financial Condition of the Town at the date of this Report.

LIABILITIES.

Outstandinding Orders of 1874,	$2 00	
" " " 1875-6,	649 38	
" Treasury Notes of 1872,	582 77	
" " " " 1873,	1,656 68	
" " " " 1874,	771 18	
" " " " 1875-6,	12,671 90	
Interest on " " " 1872,	145 38	
" " " " 1873,	273 30	
" " " " 1874,	69 13	
" " " " 1875-6,	472 99	
		$17,294 71

RESOURCES.

Due from non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,456 84	
" " State School Fund " 1875,	713 18	
" " " Mill Tax " 1876,	952 64	
" " Wm. G. Getchell on tax of 1873,	65 00	
" " " " " " " " 1874,	319 88	
" Com. " " " " " " 1875,	9,954 26	
" from Geo. Goodwin, for labor of man and oxen on Town Farm,	24 28	
Due Theodore Wells, for board of B. F. Wells,	43 59	
" on *Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,	418 75	
Am't Cash in hands of Treasurer,	3 41	
		$15,266 83
Am't of liabilities, deducting resources,		$2,027 88

*Out of the 200 Histories Wm. Goodale received, 65 have been sold and the money paid into the Treasury. Of the remaining 135 in Goodale's hands, 55 have been sold, but money uncollected; and of the 200 which J. G. Storer received, 115 sold, but money uncollected; leaving unsold in J. G. Storer's hands 85, and in Wm. Goodale's 80.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the following sums:

For support of Poor and other Town expenses,	$3,000 00
" " " Schools,	2,302 40
" " " High Schools,	1,000 00
" repairs " Highways,	3,000 00
Overlay,	651 86
	$9,954 26
State Tax,	2,742 15
County Tax,	992 81
	$13,689 22

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	$2,302 40
State School Fund, 1875,	713 18
" Mill Tax, 1876,	952 64
	$3,968 22

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

JOSHUA C. HATCH, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells for the year ending Feb. 17, 1876.

DR.

To non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	98 31	
" " " " " 1870,	74 20	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	85 82	
" " " " " 1873,	133 25	
" Bal. commitment of 1873 Tax, (Wm. G. Getchell, Col.,)	65 00	
To Bal. commitment of 1874 Tax, (Wm. Getchell, Col.,)	19,394 60	
To Commitment of 1875, Tax (Wm. G. Getchell, Col.,)	9,954 26	
To Cash on hand Feb. 17, 1875,	1,491 28	
" " Received State School Fund, 1874,	678 23	
" " " " Mill Tax, 1875,	947 13	
" " " " High School Tax, 1875,	482 50	
" " " of D. W. Perkins, tuition High School,	8 00	
To Cash Received of Wm. G. Getchell, in exchange of oxen,	25 00	
To Cash refunded by A. F. Kimball,	3 75	
" George Goodwin, man and oxen on Town Farm,	24 28	
" Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,	500 00	
" Cash loaned	19,962 57	
		$53,962 68

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

JOSHUA C. HATCH, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells, for the year ending Feb. 17, 1876.

		Cr.
By non-resident taxes uncollected of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,456 84	
By bal. commitment of 1873 tax uncollected, (Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,)	65 00	
By bal. commitment of 1874 tax uncollected, (Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,)	319 88	
By bal. commitment of 1875 tax uncollected, (Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,)	9,954 26	
By George Goodwin, man and oxen,	24 28	
" Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,	418 75	
" Orders paid, 1874,	678 14	
" " " 1875,	11,449 20	
" Treasury notes paid,	26,525 30	
" interest on same paid,	1,752 62	
" cash on hand,	3 41	
		$53,962 68

TOWN BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

To amount of Liabilities, as per Report, Feb. 17, 1875,	$25,216 66	
To amount Orders issued 1875-6, after deducting $1,000, which is included in above said Report of Feb. 17, 1875,	11,098 58	
To amount Treasury Notes issued 1875-6,	19,962 57	
" Accrued Interest,	1,422 16	
		$57,699 97

Cr.

By amount, as per Report, Feb. 17, 1875,	$23,551 60	
" " Assessment, 1875,	9,954 26	
" State School Fund, 1875,	713 18	
" " Mill Tax, 1875,	952 64	
" " High School Tax, 1875,	482 50	
" One third support of B. F. Wells,	43 59	
" Treasury Notes issued,	19,962 57	
" Cash received of D. W. Perkins, tuition to High School,	8 00	
By Cash refunded by A. F. Kimball,	3 75	
" Amount indebtedness, Feb. 17, 1876,	2,027 88	
		$57,699 97

SUMMARY.

Total amount Liabilities	$57,699 97	
Amount of Liabilities Feb. 17, 1875,	25,216 66	
Amount of Liabilities of 1876,		$32,483 31
Total amount of Resources,	$55,672 09	
Amount of Resources, Feb. 17, 1875,	23,551 60	
		$32,120 49
Increase of Debt,		$362 82

STOCK AND PROVISION ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen,	$150 00
Two cows,	100 00
Two swine,	20 00
Twenty-four hens at .50,	12 00
Six tons E hay at $15,00,	90 00
One ton S. hay, at $8,00,	8 00
Eighteen bushels oats, at .70,	12 60
Two bushels barley, at 1.00,	2 00
Six bushels corn, at .80,	4 80
One and half bushels of meal,	1 20
One and half bushels of beans, at 2.50,	3 75
One hundred and sixty-five bushels potatoes, at .45,	74 25
Three bushels turnips, at ·50,	1 50
Two-thirds barrel of fish,	5 00
One barrel of flour,	8 25
Two cwt. of pork,	40 00
Forty gallons molasses, at .50,	20 00
Thirty-two gallons soap at .20,	6 40
Eighteen pounds of lard, at .18,	3 24
Six pounds tea, at .50,	3 00
	$565 99

EDWIN CLARK,

Auditor.

WELLS, Feb. 17, 1876.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF WELLS.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Spring Term of the Free High School was held at Elm Brook.

E. A. Greeley, of Dartmouth College, Principal.

Olivia Mildram, of Wells, Assistant.

Length of term, 10 weeks.

No. of scholars attending school, 60. Average, 50.

Wages of Principal per month, $76. Assistant per month, $52.

The secret of our success in the Free High Schools is that we make no mistake in employing teachers. We make no boast in saying this, inasmuch as it is the imperative duty of the Committee to secure only those persons that we know to be practical, thorough and successful teachers.

Mr. Greeley's thorough preparatory course, united with his general knowledge of human nature, render him a superior teacher and firm disciplinarian.

Miss Mildram was obliged to resign her position, by reason of sickness of her brother. Miss Susan Getchell consented, at the earnest request of the Committee and her friends in the district, to act as assistant. At the examination the classes exhibited a thorough drill and critical knowledge of the work taken up.

FALL TERM.

Free High School of ten weeks, at Cole's Corner, under the instruction of H. F. TOWLE, of Dartmouth College, and OLIVIA A. MILDRAM.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 64. Average, 62.

At the commencement, the scholars were in readiness for close application and needed but some one to assign their lessons and give proper instruction. We feel that no one had cause to cast any reflections on the management of this school. The instruction was clear and right to the point. This term proved such as to be long remembered by those that have a true appreciation of mental and moral improvement.

A term of Free High School was taught in District No. 7. Length of term, 10 weeks. No. scholars attending, 57. Average, 51. Wages of male teacher, excluding board, $60 00 per month. Wages of female teacher, excluding board, $40 00 per month.

The higher department was taught by Mr. LOUIS A. STANWOOD, of Brunswick. This school was highly successful, both teacher and scholars laboring in school and out.

The primary department was taught by Miss S. J. MILDRAM, of Wells, who, although laboring under less favorable circumstances, succeeded in making the school highly profitable to the scholars under her charge.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*Edward Wells, Agent.*

Summer Term—FLORA H. ROSS, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 39. Average, 33.

This school, in point of order, was very near perfection. The scholars were disposed to do as Miss R. wished, therefore good improvement was visible in the various studies.

Winter Term—EDWARD R. GOODWIN, *Teacher.*

This school bid fair to be one of much merit, but was closed by reason of sickness, when it had been in progress but six weeks. Visited but once.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—*Nathaniel Barker, Agent.*

Summer Term—HANNAH A. RICHARDS, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 53. Average, 44.

Fall Term—HANNAH A. RICHARDS, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 40. Average, 34.

These schools were very noisy. The closing examination proved a want of thoroughness with the scholars, and force with the teacher. The Summer term was visited but once, not being notified of its close.

Winter Term—S. H. STACY, of Bates College, and HANNAH A. RICHARDS, *Teachers.*

This school made rapid progress, having Mr. Stacy's clear instruction for the more advanced class that caused the scholars to give their undivided attention in each recitation. There was nothing lost that memory would retain. Order good. Miss Richards was in her element instructing the juvenile portion of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—*Samuel S. Littlefield, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 73.

No. attending Summer term, 44. Average, 27.

Length of Summer school, 14 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, including board, $7.50.

The Summer term was taught by Miss CLARA A. LIBBY, of Wells.

This school was under excellent management, but owing to sickness there was a great falling of in attendance before its close, which detracted very much from its usefulness. Good improvement was shown by those attending at its close.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. GEORGE GOODSOE, of Kittery.

No. attending, 42. Average, 28.

Wages of teacher, excluding board, $40.00 per month.

This school, like the Summer term, was very unfortunate in its attendance, sickness causing a great falling off near its close. In other respects the school appeared favorably.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—*Benjamin Hubbard, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 40.

No. attending Summer term, 22. Average, 16.

Length of Summer term in weeks, 8.

Wages of teacher per week, including board, $7.50.

The Summer term was taught by Miss VESTA O. RAMSDELL.

The attendance at this school was quite irregular, owing to sickness. Those attending throughout the term showed good improvement. Good order was manifest at each visit.

The Winter term was taught by A. K. TRIPP, Esq.

No. attending, 35. Average, 30.

Wages of teacher, including board, $50 per month.

Good management, good attendance, and a marked improvement was manifest in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—*Henry D. Donnell, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 76.

No. attending in Summer, 42. Average, 31.

Length of Summer term in weeks, 10.

Wages of teacher per week, excluding board, $7.00.

The Summer term was taught by Miss M. S. RICHARDS, of Kennebunk.

This school appeared well managed, the scholars showing a love for their teacher, and some of them good advancement in their studies.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. IVORY LITTLEFIELD, of Wells.

No. of scholars attending, 44. Average, 36.

Length of school in weeks, 13.

Wages of teacher, excluding board, per month, $45.50.

This school was well managed. Good advancement was manifest by those attending at its close.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—*Woodbury Hilton, Jr., Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 56.

No. attending school in Summer, 28. Average, 25.

Length of Summer term in weeks, 10.

Wages of teacher per week, including board, $7 25.

The Summer term was taught by Miss JENNIE WELLS.

This school appeared well managed, and a good show of improvement was manifest at its close.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. HORATIO WOODBURY, of Auburn.

No. attending, 40. Average, 34.

Length of term, 12 weeks.

Wages of teacher, per month, including board, $52.40.

This school was creditable alike to teacher and scholars. Good discipline was manifest, and in several branches a marked improvement shown.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—*Horace Littlefield, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 52.

No. attending in Summer, 30. Average, 22.

Length of Summer term in weeks, 9 1-2.

Wages of teacher, including board, $8.50.

The Summer term was taught by Mrs. SARAH M. KIMBALL, of Wells.

Fair improvement was manifest in the studies pursued. More firmness in discipline would have been beneficial to the school.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. HENRY E. TREFETHREN.

Length of term in weeks, 9.

No. attending, 31. Average, 24.

Wages of teacher per month, excluding board, $40.00.

We were well pleased with this school, at both visits. Good discipline was manifest, and good improvement was shown at the close.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—*Thomas J. Allen, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 26.

No. attending Summer term, 16. Average, 11.

Length of Summer term in weeks, 8.

Wages of teacher per week, excluding board, $5.00.

The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss ALICE LITTLEFIELD, of Wells.

The school showed fair improvement. We think the teacher tried to do her part, and with good success for a first attempt.

The Fall term was taught by Miss LIZZIE E. ALLEN, of Waterborough.

No. attending, 19. Average, 16.

Length of term in weeks, 11.

Wages of teacher per week, excluding board, $5.00.

This school showed little advancement. We would recommend the employing of more experienced teachers, by this district, even at higher wages.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—*Downing Hatch, Agent.*

Summer term, MARY E. LIBBY, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 38. Average, 25.

Miss L. caused her scholars to think the school-room was the place for mental application. They worked hard and made good use of the golden moments, as shown at the closing examination. Order very good.

Winter term, JOHN RANKIN, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 27. Average, 23.

Good order was maintained, with but little apparent exertion. Mr. R. was at home in this section, and with the united effort of the scholars, good improvement was realized in Mathematics and English grammar.

DISTRICT NO. 11, *Perkinstown—Horace Mills, Agent.*

Summer term, ANNETTE GOODWIN, of Wells, teacher.

Length of school, 6 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, $7.00.

No. attending school, 13. Average attendance, 12.

We visited this school during the first week of its session and found it orderly and well at work. But as it closed without any notice being given to the committee, we cannot speak of its advancement. Let the agent remember that it his duty to instruct the committee in regard to the commencement and close of his school.

Winter term, JOSHUA HATCH, teacher.

Mr. Hatch proposed to gather into his school every scholar in the district, and to extend a hearty welcome to the neighbors. His work was, to teach his scholars those things which his experience had taught him they would need in the every-day walks of life, whether he found it in the text book or not.

This school was of sterling worth to the district.

DISTRICT NO. 12, *Bald Hill.—Wm. G. Getchell, Agent.*

Summer term, LIZZIE FORD, of Wells, teacher.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, $8.00.

No. attending school, 25. Average attendance, 19.

The examination showed that the teacher's practical and thorough method of instruction had been forcibly felt by the school and that marked improvement had been made.

Winter term, JOSHUA GETCHELL, teacher.

To know how Mr. Getchell succeeds so well with his school, one must visit him when at work. He keeps the scholars on the alert by his own example, and arranges the duties of each scholar so that there is no guess work about what it is or how it shall be performed.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—*Charles E. Weare, Agent.*

No. of scholars in the District, 75.

No. attending Summer term, 43. Average, 37.

No. attending Winter term, 57. Average, 50.

Length of Summer term, in weeks, 16. Length of Winter term, in weeks, 14.

Wages of teacher in Summer, per month, excluding board, $32 00. Wages of teacher in Winter, per month, excluding board, $45 00.

Both terms of this school have been taught by Miss Mary A. Talpey, of York.

These schools were successful in every respect. Good order, good attendance, and a marked improvement by the scholars in all branches studied were characteristic of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 14, *Elm Brook.—Almond Hatch, Agent.*

Summer term, Olivia Mildram, teacher.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, $10.00.

No. attending school, 37. Average attendance, 32.

The children came to their work respecting the ability and directions of their teacher and determined to make the most of their privileges. Line upon line, precept upon precept; ever calling back instruction given, made advancement here positive.

Winter term, John W. Staples, teacher.

Length of school, 13 weeks.

Wages of teacher, per month, $60 00.

No. attending school, 37. Average attendance, 32.

The industry, enthusiasm and application of the scholars, the constant, determined labor of an able teacher, who loved the work, made this school an efficient one.

DISTRICT No. 15, *Hobbs District.—H. P. Hobbs, Agent.*

Summer and Winter terms, MARIA W. GOODWIN, teacher.

Length of Summer school, 12 weeks.

Length of Winter school, 12 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, $10.00.

The ability and tact which MISS GOODWIN showed in the chool room, won for her the scholars as true friends, and made hem ever ready to do her bidding, and to apply themselves to he work necessary for real advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 9, *Pine Hill.—John Bragdon, Agent.*

Summer term, ALLIE ANDERSON, of Wells, teacher.

No. attending the school, 30. Average attendance, 21.

Length of school, 7 weeks.

Wages of teacher per week, $7 50.

Miss ANDERSON'S earnest, untiring work, to interest her schol-rs and promote the welfare of her school, was well appreciated y the district, and the term was a profitable one.

Winter term, C. E. MORSE, of Kent's Hill, teacher.

This term of school was well attended at the commencement, ut the whooping cough reduced the average attendance consider-bly. We think, however, the district acted wisely in maintaining he school, and the scholars were willing to undergo some disad-antages, for the purpose of accomplishing a good term's work.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—*Chas. E. Gowen, Agent.*

Summer term, SUSAN J. MILDRAM, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 34. Average, 31.

Miss M., with the joint effort of the parents, caused this school tell well for the prosperity of this section. What was done, as well done. Order, very good.

Fall term, FLORA H. ROSS, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 35. Average 32.

With Miss R.'s untiring efforts the scholars made a fair advancement. Order good.

Winter term, FLORA H. ROSS, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 40. Average, 33.

The more advanced scholars lacked confidence in their teacher, and failed to derive so much good from this school as we are pleased to witness.

Order good. Experience often times is of much worth.

DISTRICT NO. 17.—*Jonas Bragdon, Agent.*

Summer term, MARY A. CLARK, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 10. Average, 8.

Winter term, MARY A. CLARK, teacher.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, 11. Average, 9.

Miss C. has a good faculty of employing her time with few scholars. The confidence they had in her ability, united with their earnest endeavors proved these terms of true merit.

GENERAL REMARKS.

At the close of each school year a report of the progress, condition and wants of our schools, is alike due to our constituents and the cause of education. But the interests of the several districts are so united and their work so common, and well known to all, that but little need be said.

The school agents judiciously selected their teachers, with regard to merit rather than favoritism.

The wages of teachers, compared with their qualifications, have not been exorbitant, as a workman deserves more than a novice.

The best interests of our districts demand that the schoolroom be suitably furnished, as no one can perform a perfect work without proper implements.

One of the sources of success is the co-operation of the parents with teachers.

Frequent visits to the school greatly encourage the scholars and better qualify themselves to judge of the merits or demerits of the teachers.

It is necessary not only that the teacher be well versed in science, but that he should have a good share of general knowledge, be apt to teach, courteous, patient and anxious to devote his time, and talents for the advancement of his school.

HOWARD W. LITTLEFIELD,
ALBERT C. MILDRAM,
DANIEL W. PERKINS.
} Superintending School Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

AND

FINANCIAL CONDITION

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Auditor, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, and having found them properly vouched and correct, submits the following statement of the financial condition of the Town :

ORDERS ON THE TREASURY.

The Selectmen have drawn 242 Orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	$8,937 91
Of which the Treasurer has redeemed 232, amounting to	8,567 60
Leaving now outstanding 10, amounting to	$370 31

The above Orders were drawn for the following purposes, to wit :

SCHOOL ORDERS.

SUMMER TERM.					WINTER TERM.				
Order No.	82,	District No.	1,	$85 09	Order No.	173,	District No.	1,	$170 18
" "	83,	" "	2,	141 04	" "	174,	" "	2,	282 08
" "	84,	" "	3,	94 22	" "	175,	" "	3,	188 44
" "	85,	" "	4,	65 34	" "	176,	" "	4,	130 68
" "	86,	" "	5,	98 62	" "	177,	" "	5,	197 24
" "	87,	" "	6,	76 29	" "	178,	" "	6,	152 58
" "	88,	" "	7,	79 88	" "	179,	" "	7,	159 76
" "	89,	" "	8,	49 82	" "	180,	" "	8,	99 64
" "	90,	" "	9,	53 73	" "	181,	" "	9,	107 46
" "	91,	" "	10,	89 01	" "	182,	" "	10,	178 02
" "	92,	" "	11,	45 12	" "	183,	" "	11,	90 24
" "	93,	" "	12,	54 88	" "	184,	" "	12,	109 76
" "	94,	" "	13,	98 99	" "	185,	" "	13,	197 98
" "	95,	" "	14,	94 08	" "	186,	" "	14,	188 16
" "	96,	" "	15,	77 44	" "	187,	" "	15,	154 88
" "	97,	" "	16,	81 03	" "	188,	" "	16,	162 06
" "	98,	" "	17,	38 13	" "	189,	" "	17,	76 26
				$1,322 71					$2,645 42
									1,322 71
									$3,968 13

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Order No.		
9.	A. C. Mildram, for services rendered year 1875, up to Feb. 28, 1876, in full,	$58 00
37.	H. W. Littlefield, for services rendered year 1875, up to March 1, 1876, in full,	40 50
		$98 50

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Order No.		
202.	George H. Rogers, for services rendered up to Sept. 1, 1876.	$75 00
235.	Goerge H. Rogers, for services from Sept 1, to March, 1877.	66 50
		$141 50

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.		
28.	William Goodale, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 9, 1876,	$18 00
29.	Joshua C. Hatch, in full as Treasurer to March 10, '76,	20 09
36.	Edwin Clark, as Auditor, expense getting Town Report printed, and as evidence in J. Maxwell case,	27 00
38.	J. G. Storer, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 9, 1876,	12 00
39.	J. H. Mildram, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to March 9, 1876,	12 00
59.	William Goodale, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, form March 9, to May 1,	17 00
140.	William Goodale, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from May 1, to Aug. 1,	13 00
219.	William Goodale, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to Feb. 1, 1877,	42 00
229.	L. A. Stevens, in full as Treasurer, to Feb. 10, 1877,	79 40
230.	J. G. Storer, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to Feb. 10, 1877,	72 00
231.	J. H. Mildram, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, to Feb. 10, 1877,	52 00
236.	George B. Goodale, as Clerk, to March, 1877,	15 00
		$379 49

SUPPORT OF POOR AND OTHER EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
2.	Eleazer Littlefield, for Blacksmith work, year 1874,	$8 00
12.	J. G. Hall, for Medical attendance on I. F. Bailey,	3 75
55.	George Dykeman, quarterly payment in full, to Apr. 22, 1876,	100 00
58.	William Rankin & Son, supplies furnished from Feb. 5, to May 1, 1876,	55 19
72.	George G. Hatch, supplies furnished, to March 23, 1876,	3 31
103.	J. G. Storer, lumber furnished, to June 24, 1876,	26 64
117.	Wm. Rankin & Son, supplies furnished, to July 29, 1876,	99 33
118.	Ford & Roberts, beef furnished,	6 79
122.	J. H. Furgeson, furnished windows, doors, &c.,	13 40
131.	George Dykeman, quarterly payment to July 22, 1876,	75 00
160.	Wm. Rankin & Son, supplies furnished, to Sept. 26, '76,	22 30
163.	Ralph Littlefield, two days' labor,	3 75
165.	George Dykeman, quarterly payment to Oct. 22, 1876,	75 00
210.	J. H. Furgeson, planing Clapboards,	1 80
213.	Downing Hatch, one shoat,	8 00
218.	Union Store Co., supplies furnished, to Jan. 18, 1877,	202 83
220.	J. G. Storer, in full, supplies furnished, to Feb. 1, '77,	2 83
222.	B. G. Kimball, shoeing oxen,	3 00
223.	Charles E. Gowen, ten days' labor,	15 00
227.	George Dykeman, quarterly payment to Jan. 22, 1877,	75 00
234.	Wm. S. Wells, clapboards,	9 00
239.	Downing Hatch, to one pig,	7 50
		$817 42

There has been furnished to tramps at the Farm six hundred and sixteen meals, which make quite an item in our expenses. This, in addition to the cost of labor and material used in repairs, accounts for the increase of expenses during the fiscal year just ended.

SUPPLIES OUTSIDE TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
10.	J. G. Hall, for Medical attendance on H. Blabon,	$35 00
41.	David Chick, furnished J. L. Wells, Jan. 14, 1876,	7 87
56.	William N. Hatch, in full for board and care of Isaiah Chadbourne,	10 00
105.	E. F. Stockwell, Medical attendance on Mrs. Hatch, to May 16, 1876,	11 50
120.	Town of N. Berwick, furnished Hiram Chaney,	6 00
121.	S. A. Nash, Medical attendance on Frank Towne,	10 50
161.	Wm. Fairfield, furnished T. J. Green, to March 25, 76,	8 63
171.	J. G. Storer, furnished Isaiah Chadbourne's family, to Oct. 28, 1876,	4 50
190.	Theodocia Littlefield, board of Sylvester Littlefield, from Sept. 11, to Oct. 31, 1876,	8 75
200.	William Rankin & Son, furnished Mrs. John Eaton, from June 12, to Nov. 27, 1876,	29 00
203.	Theodocia Littlefield, board of Sylvester Littlefield, from Nov. 1, 1876, to Jan. 3, 1877,	11 25
216.	George Getchell, furnished Isaiah Chadbourne,	9 00
232.	William Rankin & Son, furnished Mrs. John Eaton, from Nov. 27, 1876, to Feb. 17, 1877,	24 00
242.	George G. Hatch, furnished Daniel Wells,	4 50
		$180 50

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

WINTER 1875-6.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
42.	James Rankins, '74-5,	$15 16
45.	Joseph Goodwin,	10 00
47.	Nathan E. Clark,	8 50
48.	Orin Littlefield,	34 67
49.	C. M. Smith,	18 97
50.	L. B. Kimball,	3 33
51.	Nicholas Littlefield,	3 50
52.	O. M. Davis,	29 50
53.	Charles H. Littlefield,	5 46
54.	Allen Winn, Jr.,	6 50
57.	Henry D. Donnell,	6 00
61.	N. J. Gray,	11 24
62.	Oliver West,	9 83
63.	J. F. Littlefield,	14 16
65.	G. E. Bragdon,	8 54
	Amount carried forward,	$185 36

SUMMER 1876.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
31.	Horace S. Mills, '75,	$22 57
40.	Thomas A. Chick,	29 90
43.	John L. Wells, 1875,	11 26
46.	George Getchell,	20 00
60.	John L. Goodale,	15 00
64.	J. F. Littlefield,	27 00
76.	Alex. Maxwell,	30 28
77.	Geo. B. Goodale,	41 35
100.	Downing Hatch,	26 26
101.	Stillman Lord,	37 05
104.	O. M. Davis,	60 88
108.	John P. Merrifield,	16 20
110.	Hans P. Hobbs,	19 50
112.	Jacob Chaney,	39 08
113.	Geo. Thompson,	62 40
115.	Jos. D. Wells,	17 50
	Amount carried forward,	$476 23

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS, CONTINUED.

WINTER, 1875-6.

Amount brought forward, $185 36

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	
66.	H. S. Mills,	22 15
67.	Joseph Allen,	5 50
68.	Elijah Allen,	23 52
69.	Geo. B. Goodale,	6 50
70.	C. C. Littlefield,	13 35
73.	John L. Wells,	9 00
74.	W. H. Taylor,	14 35
75.	L. W. Littlefield,	14 25
78.	Josias Littlefield,	12 99
79.	J. C. Bragdon,	8 50
80.	Joshua C. Hatch,	18 98
81.	Chris'r. Littlefield,	15 50
99.	Geo. Getchell,	19 09
102.	Ivory Chaney,	8 83
109.	J. G. Storer,	12 50
114.	Jos. D. Wells,	9 92
137.	A. J. Winn,	23 50
146.	Thomas A. Chick,	9 91
199.	John Grant,	6 26
212.	Thomas C. Hatch,	9 60
221.	Elisha Littlefield,	3 00
226.	Wm. G. Getchell,	20 33
		$472 89

SUMMER, 1876.

Amount brought forward, $476 23

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	
116.	Geo. E. Bragdon,	23 12
119.	Nahum Baston,	40 50
123.	Jos. G. Storer, for Hobbs' Dist.,	4 68
124.	Jos. G. Storer,	31 35
125.	William G. Rankins,	55 86
126.	Jos. Cain, b'lding Bridge,	40 00
127.	Joseph Allen,	28 96
129.	Wm. H. Taylor,	21 15
134.	Wm. G. Getchell,	29 30
138.	Jos. G. Storer, plank for T. Wells' Bridge,	44 73
139.	C. M. Smith,	35 90
143.	Jos. H. Mildram, building Bridge,	97 55
144.	Charles E. Gowen,	21 78
147.	Geo. B. Littlefield,	32 42
149.	Downing Hatch, extra,	13 89
150.	Lewis B. Kimball,	29 94
151.	A. W. Penney,	23 56
152.	H. S. Mills,	14 48
153.	Jonathan Kimball,	80 00
154.	Ollver West. Jr.,	30 64
155.	Wm. Storer, Plank for Hill Bridge,	18 72
156.	Edward Hilton, Jr.,	20 40
159.	Joshua Clark,	23 38
162.	Benj. W. Wells,	40 04
164.	Edwin M. Littlefield,	17 00
166.	C. C. Littlefield,	21 34
167.	O. M. Davis,	15 33
168.	Jacob Chaney, extra,	15 00
169.	Alexander Maxwell,	17 00
170.	Henry D. Donnell,	20 84
172.	Jos. G. Storer, Hill B'dge,	9 37
193.	James C. Furbish,	31 48
194.	Geo. B. Goodale,	8 45
195.	H. P. Hobbs,	32 36
196.	Thomas A. Chick,	30 75
197.	Andrew C. Clark,	21 32
198.	John Grant,	28 84
201.	Samuel B. Farnsworth,	44 71
204.	Jos. D. Wells,	18 13
205.	Jos. O. Bragdon,	32 41
208.	Benj. L. Storer,	3 71
209.	Jonas C. Bragdon,	20 58
214.	Ivory Hatch,	34 50
215.	Geo. Hatch & Co.,	5 62
217.	Geo. Thompson,	17 12
224.	Albert Winn,	22 83
228.	Ivory Chaney,	12 48
		$1,687 75
		472 89
		$2,160 64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order No.		
1.	Jacob Taylor, for abatement of Personal Tax, 1875,	$1 85
3.	Estate of Isaiah Farwell, for abatement Tax, R. E., '74,	12 40
4.	John W. Hubbard, for abatement Tax, R. E., 1875, error in assessment,	15 50
5.	Ivory Littlefield, for abatement Poll Tax, 1874,	3 00
6.	Theodocia Littlefield, for abatement Tax on R. and P. E., 1874,	10 30
7.	A. E. Meader, for abatement of Tax on Pers'l est , '74,	5 74
8.	Wm. Maxwell, for abatement Tax, R. E., 1870, '71, '72, '73, '74, error in assessment,	19 35
13.	John Hatch, for abatement of Tax on Poll, 1874,	3 00
14.	Charles P. Hilton, for abatement Poll Tax, 1873,	3 00
15.	Est. of Eleazer Littlefield, for abatement Tax, R. E., '74,	4 02
16.	Wm. Parks, for abatement of Tax, Poll and Pers'l, '74,	7 10
17.	Lyman Smith, abatement of Tax on Poll, 1873,	3 00
18.	John Williams, abatement of Poll Tax, 1873-4,	6 00
19.	Albert F. Getchell, for abatement Poll Tax, 1874,	3 00
20.	Alverado Hatch, for abatement Poll Tax, 1874,	3 00
21.	Est. Eben Hilton, for abatement of Tax, R. E., 1874,	12 30
22.	Joshua Littlefield, for abatement Tax R. E., 1874,	2 28
23.	Richard Littlefield, for abatement Tax on Poll, R. and P. E., 1874,	11 20
24.	Benjamin Pierce, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1874,	6 56
25.	C. F. Ricker, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1873-4,	12 70
26.	Mrs. Maxwell Hatch, for abatement Tax, R. E., 1874,	3 00
32.	Joshua Getchell, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1874,	3 10
128.	Wm. G. Rankin, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1875,	5 00
130.	Est. D. S. Maxwell, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1874,	8 00
132.	Est. of Nahum Welch, for abatement Tax, R. E., 1874,	14 82
133.	Benoni Haley, for abatement of Poll Tax, 1872-3-4,	9 00
135.	Charles P. Hilton and Noah Hatch, for abatement Poll Taxes, 1874,	6 00
136.	Wm. N. Hatch & J. Stuart, abatement Poll Taxes. '74,	6 00
141.	Susan F. Chapman, for abatement Tax, R. E., 1874,	16 40
142.	James M. Tabor, for abatement Poll Tax, 1874,	3 00
145.	Est. of John Goodwin, for abatement of Tax, Poll and R. E., 1874,	9 12
225.	A. B. Wells, for abatement Tax on R. E., 1874,	50 00
240.	Mrs. Warwick Hobbs, for abatement Tax, on Per. E.,	4 00
		$282 74

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.		
11.	J. G. Hall, for services as Health Officer, year 1875,	$10 00
27.	Wm. G. Getchell, in part for collecting taxes, 1875,	125 00
30.	Jacob Storer, in full for coffins furnished Bailey & Buzzell,	28 00
33.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, to Feb. 29, 1876,	33 46
34.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, to Feb. 29, 1876,	32 56
35.	John Hanscom, in full for printing Town Reports, 1875,	60 00
44.	Dresser, McLellan & Co , for Stationery, 1876,	14 18
71.	Augustus Jones, for furnishing wood and taking care of Town House, to April 1, 1876,	13 00
106.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, to May 31, 1876,	36 83
107.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, to May 31, 1876,	38 49
111.	John Hanscom, for stationery, to July 29, 1876,	8 00
148.	Ira T. Drew, services in case of J. Maxwell,	24 00
157.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, to Aug. 31, 1876,	32 50
158.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, to Aug. 31, 1876,	32 59
191.	Wm. Maxwell, for lumber furnished Breakwater, near Atlantic House,	46 55
192.	Wm. Goodale, for labor and materials furnished the Breakwater, near Atlantic House,	74 50
206.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, to Nov. 30, 1876,	34 98
207.	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, to Nov. 30, 1876,	41 95
211.	Wm. S. Noyes, in full for advertising Non-Resident tax,	40 50
233.	J. G. Storer, for removing Horace Hilton's family from South Berwick to the Town Farm, and cash paid,	10 00
237.	Jacob Storer, for coffin furnished Samuel Hubbard's Daughter,	14 00
238.	William G. Getchell, for notifying Town Officers and Town Meetings, to March 13, 1876, in full,	12 00
241.	Wm. G. Getchell, for collecting taxes for the year '73-4-5,	145 90
		$908 99

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$3,968 13	
" S. S. Committee, 1875,	98 50	
" Supervisor, 1876,	141 50	
" Town Officers, 1876,	379 49	
" Town Farm, 1876,	817 42	
" Supplies outside Farm,	180 50	
" Repairs of Highways,	2,160 64	
" Abatement of Taxes,	282 74	
" Miscellaneous Bills,	908 99	
		$8,937 91

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1874.

Order No.		
110.	Theodore Hutchins,	$2 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1876—7.

Order No.			
120.	Town of North Berwick,	$6 00	
177.	District No. 5,	197 24	
189.	" " 17,	76 26	
203.	Theodocia Littlefield,	11 25	
209.	Jonas C. Bragdon,	20 58	
221.	E. Littlefield,	3 00	
228.	Ivory Chaney,	12 48	
232.	Wm. Rankin,	24 00	
236.	Geo. B. Goodale,	15 00	
242.	Geo. G. Hatch,	4 50	
			$370 31

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1873.

Date.			
Feb. 10,	Nancy Sargent,	$50 00	
	Interest on above note,	14 05	
			$64 05

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1876—7.

Date.				
March	25.	Louisa Jones,	$100 00	
April	3.	Mary J. Wakefield,	125 00	
"	"	Ann E. Hatch,	1,000 00	
"	12.	Laura R. Littlefield,	1,000 00	
"	"	Joseph H. Penney,	300 00	
"	17.	Andrew J. Penney,	400 00	
"	"	Ivory Hatch,	2,000 00	
"	19.	Jeremiah B. Norton,	1,000 00	
"	"	Ann M. Staples,	100 00	
"	"	George Bean,	900 00	
"	"	Martha Wells,	50 00	
"	"	Lucy G. Cole,	300 00	
"	"	Elizabeth Cole,	200 00	
"	"	John L. Wells,	200 00	
"	"	Mary A. Rankin,	300 00	
"	"	Sarah Hobbs,	1,700 00	
"	"	Hannah Libby, Ex'x,	1,200 00	
June	21.	Ella S. Butler,	1,500 00	
Nov.	1.	Thomas B. Littlefield,	1,000 00	
				$13,375 00
		Interest on above Notes,		631 90
				$14,006 90

STATEMENT,

Showing the Financial Condition of the Town at the date of this Report.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders of 1874,	$2 00	
" " " 1876-7,	370 31	
" Treasury Notes of 1873,	50 00	
" " " " 1876,	13,375 00	
Interest due on " " " 1873,	14 05	
" " " " " " 1876,	631 90	
		$14,443 26

RESOURCES.

Due from Non-resident Taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,143 48	
" " " " " 1875,	635 40	
" " Interest and charges on above 1875 Tax,	126 57	
" " Wm. G. Getchell, on Tax of 1874,	50 00	
" " " " " 1875,	200 00	
" " Downing Hatch, on tax of 1876,	5.577 91	
" " State School Fund of 1876,	650 40	
" " State Mill Tax of 1877,	924 46	
" " Geo. Goodwin, for labor of man and oxen on town farm,	24 28	
" " Aaron Maxwell, on acct. support of Jos. Maxwell,	50 00	
" " Wm. Goodale, on acct. Books sold, (Histories of Wells and Kennebunk),	33 75	
Ninety-nine Books on hand at $1.25, Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,	123 75	
Amount Cash in hands of Treasurer,	452 98	
		$11,307 98
Amount Liabilities, deducting Resources,		$3,135 28

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the following sums:

For support of Poor and other Town expenses,		$2,500 00
" " " Schools,		2,302 40
Repairs " Highways,		2,000 00
	Overlay,	240 51
		$7,042 91
	State Tax,	2,571 17
	County Tax,	827 34
		$10,441 42

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	$2,302 40
School Fund of 1876,	650 46
Mill Tax of 1877,	924 46
	$3,877 20

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

LAMONT A. STEVENS, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells for the year ending Feb. 17, 1877.

DR.

To Non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " 1874,	2,456 84	
" Bal. Commitment of 1873 Tax,	65 00	
" " " " 1874 "	319 88	
" " " " 1875 "	9,954 26	
" Commitment " 1876 "	7,042 91	
" Cash Rec'd of J. C. Hatch, former Treasurer,	3 41	
" " " acct. State School Fund, 1875,	713 18	
" " " " " Mill Tax, 1876,	952 64	
" " " " " R. R. " 1874,	17 94	
" " " of Jos. G. Storer, on acct. Books, (Histories of Wells & Kennebunk),	176 25	
To Cash Rec'd of Wm. Goodale, on acct. Books, (Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,)	85 00	
To Cash Rec'd of Theo. Wells, for one-third support of Benj. F. Wells for the year '75,	43 59	
To Cash Rec'd of Theo. Wells, for one-third support of Benj. F. Wells for the year '76,	48 53	
To Cash Rec'd acct. Interest and Charges on Advertised Non-resident Taxes, 1875,	11 94	
To Cash Loaned,	24,204 48	
		$46,410 85

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

LAMONT A. STEVENS, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells for the year ending Feb. 17, 1877.

		Cr.
By Non-resident taxes uncollected of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,143 48	
" " " " " 1875,	635 40	
" Bal. uncollected of 1874 commitment, Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,	50 00	
" " uncollected of 1875 commitment, Wm. G. Getchell, Collector,	200 00	
" " uncollected of 1876 commitment, Downing Hatch, Collector,	5,577 91	
" Orders paid of 1875-6 issue,	649 38	
" " " " 1876-7 "	8,567 60	
" Treasury notes paid of 1872-3-4-5 & 6,	26,462 01	
" Interest on same paid,	1,357 09	
" Amount cash on hand,	452 98	
		$46,410 85

TOWN BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

To amount Liabilities, (as per Report, Feb. 17,'76,	$17,294 71	
" " Orders issued 1876-7,	8,937 91	
" " Treasury Notes issued 1876,	24,204 48	
" " Accrued Interest,	1,042 24	
		51,479 34

Cr.

By am't Resources, as per Report, Feb. 17, 1876,	$15,266 83	
" " Assessment of 1876,	7,042 91	
" " State School Fund of 1876,	650 40	
" " " Mill Tax of 1877,	924 46	
" " " R. R. Tax of 1874,	17 94	
" " Received of Theo. Wells, 1876,	48 53	
" " Due from Aaron Maxwell "	50 00	
" " Charge and interest on advertised non-resident Taxes of the year 1875,	138 51	
" " Cash loaned,	24,204 48	
Amount Indebtedness Feb. 17, 1877,	3,135 28	
		$51,479 34

SUMMARY.

Total amount Liabilities,	$51,479 34	
Amount of Liabilities Feb. 17, 1876,	17,294 71	
Amount of Liabilities of 1876-7,		$34,184 63
Total amount of Resources,	$48,344 06	
Amount of Resources Feb. 17, 1876,	15,266 83	
		$33,077 23
Increase of Debt,		$1,107 40

STOCK AND PROVISION ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen,	$120 00
Two cows,	80 00
One calf,	10 00
Two swine,	20 00
Twenty-four hens, at .50,	12 00
Six tons English hay, at $16,	96 00
Twenty bushels corn, at .75,	15 00
One barrel shorts,	1 00
One and one-half barrels flour,	12 00
One bushel beans,	2 50
One hundred and fifty bushels potatoes, at $1 00,	150 00
Two barrels pork, at $25 00,	50 00
Thirty lbs. lard, at one shilling,	5 00
Fifteen gallons molasses, at .50,	7 50
Thirty gallons soap, at .10,	3 00
Twenty-five lbs. fish, at .05,	1 25
Six lbs. tea at, .50,	3 00
Six lbs. sugar, at .12 1-2,	75
Ten lbs. dried apples, at .08,	80
	$589 80

EDWIN CLARK,
Auditor.

WELLS, Feb. 17, 1877.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The Supervisor of Schools respectfully presents the following Report in relation to the schools of the Town of Wells.

DISTRICT NO. 1.— EDWARD WELLS, *Agent.*

No. scholars in District, 64. Whole No. attending *Summer Term*, 41. Average attendance, 37. Length of term, 9 2-5 weeks. Wages of teacher, $10 00 per week, including board.

Teacher, Miss FLORA H. ROSS, of Kennebunk, who kept an excellent school. Its abrupt termination, a week and two days before the time specified for closing, in consequence of the teacher's accepting a position in a school in Philadelphia, which called her speedily away, was the only unpleasant feature of the term.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 44. Average No. 38. Length of term, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $45 00 per month including board.

This term was kept by Mr. H. F. TOWLE, who by his faithful and enthusiastic efforts, strict, though not arbritary rules, for the government of the scholars, advanced them rapidly in their studies, and maintained his former reputation of a competent and faithful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—CLEMENT L. MILDRAM, *Agent.*

No. of scholars in District 124. No. attending *Summer Term*, 60. Average, No. 50. Length of term, 9 4-5 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week, including board.

Fall Term. Whole No. attending school, 53. Average attend-

ance, 46. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week, including board.

Both terms were under the tuition of Miss H. A. Richards, of Kennebunk. The improvement made by the scholars was very satisfactory. The efforts of the teacher were such as to win the confidence of the scholars and render it easy for her to advance them in their studies. Miss R. was assisted during the Summer Term by Miss L. B. Eldridge. Fall term, by Miss Fannie Lindsey, whose services were profitable to the school.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 63. Average attendance, 55. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $48 per month, including board.

A. K. Tripp, Esq., Teacher. Deportment of scholars good, and generally they applied themselves industriously to their studies, and with the valuable aid of the Principal, and his Assistant, Miss Abbie A. Pope, made good progress in them.

DISTRICT NO. 3,—Samuel S. Littlefield, *Agent.*

No. scholars in District, 73. Whole No. attending *Summer* term, 31. Average No. 27. Length of term, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 50 per week, including board.

This school commenced under the tuition of Miss Clara A. Libby, who, after six weeks of faithful instruction, was obliged to resign her position in consequence of ill health.* She was succeeded by Miss Lizzie F. Bradbury, of Biddeford, who during the remainder of the term accomplished much for the benefit of her scholars.

Winter term. Whole No. attending school, 38. Average No. 32. Length of term, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $54 00 per month, including board.

This term was taught by Mr. J. W. Staples, who devoted his time conscientiously to promote the best interests of the school, and to render his services profitable to each member of it, and under his instruction good order was maintained, application to study secured and commendable progress made in the various studies pursued.

*Deceased, Jan. 14, 1877.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Lewis B. Kimball, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 41. *Summer Term.* Whole No. attending school, 20. Average attendance, 15. Length of term, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 00 per week, including board.

This term was kept by Miss Addie M. Clark, of Wells, whose efforts to teach her pupils and merit the reputation of a faithful teacher were uniform and earnest, and scholars desirous of learning succeeded well in their studies.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 21. Average attendance, 18. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $40 00 per month, including board.

This term was under the instruction of Mr. Ivory Littlefield, who performed his duties in a manner to awaken a new interest on the part of the scholars in studies and advance each quite rapidly in them. Good government and obedience to it were among the pleasant things of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—Henry D. Donnell, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 76. No. attending *Summer Term*, 41. Average attendance, 34. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of Teacher, $6 50 per week, including board.

This term was taught by Miss M. S. Richards, of Kennebunk. Attendance of scholars punctual—deportment good and generally considerable progress was made in the various studies pursued.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 59. Average attendance, 41. Length of term, 19 weeks. Wages of teacher, $36 00 per month, including board.

Miss H. G. Weare, of York, teacher. The good order and excellent improvement noticed in this school resulted from the cheerful co-operation of teacher and scholars in the work appropriately belonging to the school-room.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—George F. Stevens, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 52. No. attending *Summer Term*, 30. Average attendance, 24. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $7 25 per week.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending, 26. Average No., 19. Length of term, 15 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 50 per week, including board.

Both terms were taught by Miss Annette Goodwin, of Wells, whose faithful efforts to advance the scholars in their studies, were, to a good degree, successful, as indicated by the progress made in the different studies pursued.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Charles J. Littlefield, *Agent.*

No. of scholars in District, 52. Whole No. attending *Summer Term*, 26. Average attendance, 23. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $7 25 per week.

This term was under the instruction of Miss Jennie Wells. The prompt recitations and advancement made in studies seem to indicate that the scholars applied themselves well to their lessons and that the efforts of the teacher in their behalf were well rewarded.

Winter Term. No. scholars attending school, 35. Average attendance, 24. Length of term, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $45 00 per month, including board.

This term was taught by Mr. Joshua Getchell, whose energetic efforts and enthusiasm in the school room, aroused the energies of the scholars to an extent that enabled them to accomplish more during the term than they were accustomed to believe it was their privilege to do. Sickness in the District was unfavorable to a punctual attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—Nathaniel G. Wadleigh, *Agent.*

No. of scholars in District, 27. *Summer Term.* Whole No. attending school, 17. Average attendance, 14. Length of term 6 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 95 per week, including board.

Miss Mary E. Jillison, of South Berwick, teacher. The scholars were desirous of learning, and under the instruction of the teacher added considerably to their former amount of knowledge. Application to study and scholastic deportment good.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending, 17. Average attendance, 15. Length of term, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher, $12 25 per week, including board.

This term was under the tuition of Mr. C. J. Ramsdell, of Lebanon, whose services were highly profitable to the school. Punctuality, good order and real advancement in studies were among the things to be commended in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 9,—JOHN BRAGDON, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in the District, 30. No. attending *Summer Term*, 14. Average No. attending, 13. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 00 per week, including board.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 12. Average attendance, 11, Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 00 per week, excluding board.

Both terms were taught by Miss Lydia J. Hatch, of Wells, and her services contributed to secure punctual attendance, good order and more than ordinary improvement on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 10,—Downing Hatch, *Agent.*

No. scholars in the District, 66. *Summer Term.* Whole No. attending school, 30. Average No. in attendance, 17. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 00 per week, including board.

Miss Julia A. Dockam, teacher, and under her instruction the scholars advanced well in their studies.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 33. Average attendance, 28. Wages of teacher, $55 56 per month, including board. Length of term, 11 weeks.

Eight weeks were kept by IVORY LITTLEFIELD, whose long experience as a teacher rendered his services very efficient, as was shown by the advancement made by the various classes. The time for which Mr. L. engaged to keep the school expired three weeks before the close of the term (it not beginning as soon as was expected) and, having another school engaged, could not extend his services to this, and the remainder of the term was kept by the veteran teacher, MR. S. M. CLARK.

DISTRICT NO. 11,—*Perkinstown*,—HORACE MILLS, *Agent.*

No. scholars in District, 19. *Summer Term*, whole No. attending school, 12. Average attendancce, 11. Length of term, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $5 82 per week.

MISS M. E. ELDRIDGE, of Wells, teacher, and under her tuition the scholars made considerable progress in their studies.

Winter Term, whole No. attending school, 21. Average No. attending, 17⅓. Length of term, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $32 00 per month, including board.

This school was kept by MR. JOSHUA C. HATCH, under whose orignal and very practical method of imparting instruction, the scholars made excellent improvement in their studies, and gained a great deal of general information not specially contained in text-books, which, in future life, must be of great advantage to them.

DISTRICT NO. 12, *Ball Hill.*—JOSHUA C. HATCH, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 31. *Summer Term*, whole No. attending, 16. Average attending, 14. Length of term, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 00 per week, including board.

MISS LIZZIE FORD, of Wells, teacher. The improvement shown at the examination of this school was highly satisfactory. The recitations were prompt and the principles involved in the various studies pursued were well understood, being readily applied to the original examples given,—an indication of hard study by the scholars, and faithfulness and efficiency on the part of the teacher.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 22. Average attendance, 16. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week, including board.

This school was kept by THOMAS RUSSELL, of Sanford, who industriously applied himself to his work, and whose services were highly profitable to the school. Order and deportment of scholars were good.

DISTRICT NO. 13,—GEORGE W. LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole No. of scholars in District, 78. No. attending *Summer Term*, 40. Average attendance, 36. Length of term, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $10 00 per week, including board.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending, 50. Average No., 45. Length of term, 16 weeks. Wages of teacher, $43 00 per month, including board. Both terms were kept by MISS MARY A. TALPEY, of York, who maintained her former reputation of a faithful and efficient teacher, and under her tuition the scholars succeeded finely in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 14,—*Elm Brook*,—ALMON HATCH, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 71. *Summer* term, No. attending, 42. Average, 37½. Length of term, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $11 90 per week, including board. MISS A. O. MILDRAM, teacher.

The management of this school was excellent, and the scholars appreciating the methods of instruction employed by the teacher, and desiring to reciprocate her devotedness to advance them in their studies, applied themselves well to their work and made excellent progress in the various studies pursued.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 32. Average, 26. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $63 00 per month, including board.

The act of the Agent was judicious in securing the services of MR. J. W. STAPLES as teacher, as he had had the scholars under his tuition several previous terms, understood well the

mental capacity of each, the lessons best adapted to their advancement and the kind of discipline required to secure the best order, and under his instruction decided progress was made by the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—H. P. Hobbs, *Agent.*

No. scholars in District, 54. *Summer Term.* Whole No. in attendance, 26. Average No., 25. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $9 00 per week.

Winter Term. Whole No. attending school, 23. Average No. 21. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $10 00 per week, including board.

Both schools were under the instruction of Miss S. J. Mildram. The punctuality, good order, and application to study which were characteristic of the school, together with the progress made in studies, were the result of the teacher's faithful efforts and of a disposition of the scholars to make real advancement under her instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—Thomas Chick, *Agent.*

Whole No. in District, 57. *Summer Term.* No. attending school, 33. Average attendance, 31. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $9 00 per week.

Winter term. Whole No. attending, 30. Average No. 27. Length of term, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week, including board.

Both terms were kept by Miss Maria W. Goodwin, of Wells, an experienced teacher, well qualified for her work, and whose services were highly profitable to the school. She evinced that strong interest in her scholars that secured their good will, and awakened within them a desire to improve well under her instruction. Order and improvement, excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 17,—WILLIAM HAMMOND, *Agent.*

Whole No. scholars in District, 11. No. attending *Summer Term*, 9. Average attendance, 8. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $5 00 per week, including board.

Fall Term. Whole No. attending, 9 ; average No., 7. Length of term, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $5 00 per week, including board. MISS ABBIE A. POPE, teacher, both Summer and Fall terms. Excellent order, studious habit, and prompt recitations, were among the excellencies of this school.

In addition to the above detailed report of the schools, the following general remarks are respectfully submitted.

It is believed that our schools, during the year just closed, have accomplished much for the intellectual training of the young. Generally, the schools have been kept by teachers of much experience, who love and have adaptation for their calling.

The prompt and faithful manner in which the Agents have performed their duties merits commendation.

Repairs have been made upon some school houses, but needed upon others. Every school house should have, at least, a good supply of black-boards, and in good condition, which is not the case in every district in town. There is no other way in which scholars can learn so rapidly and thoroughly, especially of mathematics, as by performing the examples upon the black-board and giving a full explanation of them before the class : and in no other way can teachers occupy their time so advantageously as in the use of the black-board when elucidating the principles of scientific studies, and those teachers have yet to learn something to their advantage and profit to the scholars who fail to avail themselves of this means of imparting instruction.

Too much cannot be said of the importance of parents and friends of education visiting the schools often, and taking an active interest in them. This is one of the means that will arrest the deterioration of common schools, encourage the scholars and stimulate the teacher in the performance of his duties. Upon our common school system depends largely the growth and permanency of

those institutions so much cherished by a Republic. And to have good schools, in which scholars are orderly and aim to the highest degree of excellence in the different branches of study, there must be such a home influence over the children, in relation to schools, as shall convince them that there is a hearty co-operation of their parents with the teachers in all that relates to the prosperity of the school.

We owe a debt of gratitude to God, the giver of all blessings, for that mercy which has spared us as a people, and protected us, so generally, from disease, which has prevailed to an extent so alarming in other places. During the past year, but a few instances of sickness have occurred to effect the attendance at schools. It is painful, however, to record the death of one of our accomplished, highly esteemed and exemplary Christian teacher, Miss Clara A. Libby, which occurred in the month of January, this year. Her removal, though ordered by a Being too wise to err, is a public loss.

Thanks are due, and hereby extended to my fellow citizens, for their hearty co-operation in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE H. ROGERS,

Supervisor of Schools.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

— AND —

FINANCIAL CONDITION

OF THE

TOWN OF WELLS,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Supervisor's Report,

FOR THE

Year ending Feb. 17, 1878.

BIDDEFORD, ME.:
JOHN HANSCOM, PRINTER,
1878.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, 1877.

CLERK,

GEORGE B. GOODALE.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

EDWIN CLARK,
WILLIAM GOODALE,
J. G. STORER.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

A. K. TRIPP.

TOWN AGENT,

JEDEDIAH PERKINS.

TREASURER,

LAMONT A. STEVENS.

AUDITOR,

J. H. MILDRAM.

COLLECTOR,

WILLIAM CLARK.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Auditor, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Treasurer, and having found them properly vouched and correct, submits the following statement of the financial condition of the Town:

ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen have drawn 245 Orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to	$10,114 01
of which the Treas. has redeemed 238, amounting to	9,938 91
Having now outstanding 7, amounting to	$175 10

The above Orders were drawn for the following purposes, to wit:

SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Order No.	84,	District No.	1,	$83 60
" "	85,	" "	2,	132 02
" "	86,	" "	3,	82 28
" "	87,	" "	4,	60 40
" "	88,	" "	5,	95 76
" "	89,	" "	6,	67 57
" "	90,	" "	7,	81 38
" "	91,	" "	8,	48 78
" "	92,	" "	9,	53 76
" "	93,	" "	10,	85 80
" "	94,	" "	11,	47 68
" "	95,	" "	12,	58 18
" "	96,	" "	13,	94 65
" "	97,	" "	14,	90 22
" "	98,	" "	15,	68 68
" "	99,	" "	16,	81 38
" "	100,	" "	17,	35 28
				$1,267 42

WINTER TERM.

Order No.	161,	District No.	12,	$108 00
" "	162,	" "	15,	137 36
" "	164,	" "	14,	180 33
" "	165,	" "	16,	153 44
" "	166,	" "	17,	69 21
" "	172,	" "	8,	93 44
" "	186,	" "	2,	81 00
" "	187,	" "	2,	18 00
" "	191,	" "	1,	162 70
" "	194,	" "	9,	72 00
" "	195,	" "	3,	164 56
" "	196,	" "	6,	123 35
" "	197,	" "	7,	154 48
" "	202,	" "	4,	120 42
" "	203,	" "	10,	171 60
" "	204,	" "	11,	95 36
" "	226,	" "	5,	183 98
" "	246,	" "	2,	165 04
" "	247,	" "	13,	189 30
				$2,443 57
Summer Term,				1,267 42
Amount,				$3,710 99

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Order No.		
177.	A. K. Tripp, services to Aug. 17, 1877,	$65 00
242.	" " " " from Aug. to Mar. 1, 1878,	64 00
	Amount,	$129 00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.		
25	Wm. Goodale, services to Mar. 21, 1877,	$23 00
27	J. G. Storer, services to Mar. 21, 1877,	8 00
36	Edwin Clark, services as Auditor and getting Town Report printed,	20 93
39	J. H. Mildram, Official services to Mar. 26, 1877,	15 00
49	L. A. Stevens, services as Treasurer, from Feb. 14 to Mar. 19, 1877,	23 60
73	Wm. Goodale, services to May 25, 1877.	26 25
208	Edwin Clark, services to Feb. 1, '78, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	64 15
215	Wm. Goodale, services to Feb. 1, 1878,	48 75
216	J. G. Storer, for services to Feb. 1, 1878,	52 40
232	L. A. Stevens, Treas., services to Feb. 13, '78,	113 50
243	Geo. B. Goodale, Clerk to Mar. 1, 1878,	29 00
	Amount,	$424 58

SUPPORT OF POOR AND OTHER EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
17	J. G. Storer, for stove pipe,	$2 00
70	Geo. Dykeman, quarterly paym't to Apr. 22 '77,	75 00
116	" " " " " July 22 '77,	62 50
180	" " " " " Oct. 22 '77,	62 50
209	" " " " " Jan. 22 '78,	62 50
230	L. A. Stevens, in full for supplies furnished to Feb. 14, 1878,	224 47
239	J. G. Storer, in full for sawing to Feb. 13 '78,	1 92
	Amount,	$490 89

Within the year, Tramps have been furnished nine hundred and eighty-three meals.

Sold from Farm during the year, calves, chickens, eggs and vegetables yielding $66 00. Same appropriated to family's use.

SUPPLIES OUTSIDE OF TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
24	Theodocia Littlefield, board of Sylvester Littlefield, from Jan. 3, to March 21, '77,	$13 75
33	Lewis Littlefield, aid furnished pauper,	2 00
75	N. Berwick, supplies for Charles Benway,	15 00
76	E. J. Getchell, sixteen weeks board of Chadbourn child,	16 00
78	J. G. Hall, medical service, case of Chadbourn child and Mrs. S. B. Littlefield,	70 23
115	G. G. Hatch, supplies for Daniel Wells, from Feb. 21, to July 23, 1877,	17 25
119	Frank M. Rose, medical attendance, T. J. Green's family to Nov. 24, '77,	21 00
110	N. Berwick, support of Mary Pierce,	3 00
123	Wm. Rankin & Son, funished widow John Eaton from Feb. 19, to Sept. 3, '77,	47 50
124	E. J. Getchell, b'd of Chadbourn child during sickness,	13 00
175	C. T. Lord, medical service in Fred Smith's family to Dec. 1 '77,	11 00
188	E. F. Stockwell, medical attendance in case of Susan J. Hatch, to Dec. 12,	5 00
189	Frank M. Rose, service to T . J. Green, to Aug. 6, '77,	6 00
206	Samuel Hilton, board of Mary Pierce three weeks,	6 00
210	Wm. Fairfield, supplies to T. J. Green's family to Feb. 1, '78,	21 13
211	Wm. Fairfield, supplies to family of Levi Larrabee, to Feb. 1, '78,	6 74
212	Dr. L. Richards, medical treatment in T. J. Green's family, to Feb. 1, '78,	1 25
213	Wm. Fairfield, supplies to Samuel W. Green's family, to Feb. 1, '78,	5 11
214	Wm. Fairfield, supplies furnished Jesse Taylor, Horace Larrabee,	5 00
225	Lewis E. Keyes & Son, supplies to Charles Larrabee, to Feb. 14, '78,	4 00
227	Laura Thompson, labor in family of James Stuart,	9 50
231	Moses Furbish, board of Chas. Benway's child 7 weeks,	14 00
233	Geo. H. Snow, supplies furnished James Stuart,	36 38
	Amount carried forward,	$349 84

	Amount brought forward,	$349 84
Order No.		
234	Wm. Rankins & Son, supplies to N. J. Gray, to Feb. 13, 1878,	12 75
235	Wm. Rankins & Son, supplies to widow John Eaton, to Feb., 1878,	36 00
237	Geo. G. Hatch, supplies to Daniel Wells, from July 30, 1877, to Feb. 11, 1878,	21 75
238	Geo. D. Staples, medical attendance on family of James Stuart, to Feb. 14, 1878,	35 00
240	Frank M. Rose, medical attendance on T. J. Green's family, from Jan. 7, '76, to Jan. 9, '77,	15 00
	Amount,	$470 34

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

SUMMER, 1877.

Order No,	Name of Surveyor,	Amount.
9,	John L. Goodale, plank for Goodale bridge,	$13 00
13,	Nicholas Littlefield, 1876,	24 16
57,	Joseph F. Littlefield, "	22 14
62,	T. C. Hatch, "	36 02
66,	Wm. G. Rankin, "	10 60
82,	Charles E. Gowen, "	7 56
01,	J. G. Storer, for plank for Buffum's bridge,	61 58
27,	Theodore Wells & Son, plank for bridge, near C. Skinner's, 1877,	26 31
28,	William H. Taylor, 1877,	22 93
29,	A. C. Clark, "	29 22
30,	George W. Littlefield, "	41 72
31,	J. C. Furbish, "	38 01
32,	Joseph Allen, "	51 00
33,	B. L. Storer, "	28 53
34,	S. M. Chick,	30 47
35,	Jacob Chaney,	51 29
36,	Edwin Rankin,	87 91
37,	Edward Hilton 2d,	30 00
38,	Daniel Moody,	32 74
39,	L. B. Kimball,	41 13
40,	Oliver West, 2d,	46 25
41,	Alexander Maxwell,	63 85
42,	Nahum Baston,	55 30
43,	E. L. Littlefield,	28 05
44,	Eben Sayward,	49 03
45,	George Thompson,	90 27
47,	G. B. Goodale,	70 89
48,	C. C. Littlefield,	31 71
49,	E. A. Pope,	64 23
50,	E. A. Pope, extra labor on bridge,	11 91
51,	Nicholas Littlefield,	29 35
52,	Christopher Littlefield,	33 74
53,	George F. Littlefield,	34 43
54,	A. T. Littlefield,	107 80
55,	C. M. Littlefield,	20 83
56,	C. E. Gowen,	13 19
57,	C. M. Smith,	43 24
58,	A. W. Penney,	24 70
59,	B. E. Tripp, for iron work on bridge,	3 63
60,	S. B. Farnsworth,	60 00
63,	Alpheus Littlefield,	42 36
67,	John Merrifield,	17 40
68,	George B. Littlefield,	46 20
69,	Ivory Hatch,	43 50
70,	Josiah Storer,	25 06
71,	Stillman Lord,	44 89
73,	C. H. West,	40 92
82,	N. H. Perkins,	30 97
83,	James Chaney,	18 94
90,	J. G. Storer,	36 75
98,	G. N. Dockam,	37 03
97,	Robert Getchell,	35 85
44,	Downing Hatch,	28 75
	Amount,	$2,035 34

WINTER OF 1876-7.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
12,	George E. Bragdon,	$34 00
14,	Alexander Maxwell,	14 00
15,	Jacob Chaney,	43 78
16,	Ivory Chaney,	16 20
18,	Wm. G. Getchell,	37 40
19,	Downing Hatch,	24 40
26,	Stillman Lord,	26 03
31,	William H. Taylor,	13 66
32,	A. W. Penney,	14 70
34,	O. M. Davis,	29 70
35,	Nicholas Littlefield,	7 35
40,	Charles E. Gowen,	20 00
41,	Thomas A. Chick,	37 56
42,	Joseph D. Wells,	24 30
43,	Lewis B. Kimball,	19 50
44,	George B. Litilefield,	21 35
45,	George B. Goodale,	17 59
46,	H. D. Donnell,	20 00
47,	Oliver West, 2d,	30 26
48,	C. M. Smith,	22 50
50,	Joseph Allen,	28 80
51,	Nahum Baston,	10 00
53,	C. C. Littlefield,	31 85
54,	Edward Hilton, 2d,	15 30
55,	J. C. Furbish,	45 52
58,	J. F. Littlefield,	44 25
59,	J. P. Merrifield,	10 09
60,	John Grant,	11 25
61,	B. W. Wells,	7 65
63,	T. C. Hatch,	24 00
64,	H. S. Mills.	36 10
65,	J. G. Storer, plank for bridge near S. C. Hatch's,	11 34
67,	William G. Rankin,	22 41
68,	J. C. Bragdon,	16 50
69,	H. P. Hobbs,	13 68
71,	S. B. Farnsworth,	18 38
72,	J. O. Bragdon,	20 56
74,	J. G. Storer,	11 10
77,	George Thompson,	18 79
79,	Joshua Clark,	11 14
83,	A. C. Clark,	5 10
102,	Alexander Maxwell,	6 90
117,	E. M. Littlefield,	8 10
122,	C. H. Smith, 1875 & '76,	12 60
146,	A. J. Winn, 1876 & '77,	30 30
174,	Ivory Hatch, " "	15 60
	Amount,	$961 59

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order No.		
1.	J. Chaney, A. Jacobs, S. Littlefield and L. Perkins, $3 00 each, abatement of poll tax ,74,	$12 00
2	J. Caine, C. T. Buzzell and C. H. Smith, $3 00 each, abatement of poll taxes of 1874,	9 00
3	S. B. Littlefield, $11 20; P. H. Ricker, $5 00; S. E. Ramsdell, 11 86; Wm. Tobey, 3 08, abatement of taxes on real estate of 1874,	31 14
4	W. H. York, real est. & poll taxes, $9 56; J. York, real & poll, $7 10; J. E. Eaton, real & poll, $7 92; Samuel Goodwin, real & poll, $9 56, abatement of taxes of 1874,	34 14
5.	F. F. Ramsdell, real and personal, 5 38, J. Huston, real and per., 7 38, M. H. Bragdon, poll, 3 00, abatement of taxes of 1874,	15 76
6.	Est. of Benj. Hatch, real and per.. 9 02, J, Stevens, real est , 1 00, abatement of taxes of 1874,	10 02
7.	S. B. Littlefield, real and poll, 7 10, Oliver Winn, real estate, 2 46, W. H. York, real and poll, 6 28, abatement of taxes, of 1873,	15 84
8.	J. York, real and poll, 5 05, S. Goodwin, real and poll, 3 28, J. Caine, poll, 3 00, abat. of taxes of '73,	11 33
10.	J. A. Tibbetts, real estate, 4 60, abat. of taxes of '76,	4 60
20.	Hiram Manson, real estate, 3 72, abat. of taxes of '75,	3 72
21.	I. Farwell, abatement in full on real estate tax of 1875,	3 10
22.	Eunice Littlefield, real estate, 7 75, abatement on tax of 1875, error in asst.,	7 75
30.	L. A Stevens, Treas. on real estate of W. Farror, John Legro and G. B. Wentworth, abat. on taxes of '75,	15 41
38.	W. G. Mathews, on per. estate, 4 50, abatement on tax of 1876,	4 50
103.	A. Hatch, S. Hatch, D. Hatch, J. Storer, J. Stuart, J. Chaney, B. Haley, S. A. Littlefield, S. Littlefield, C. O. Littlefield, L. Perkins and J. W. Stuart, 3 00 each. poll, abatement on tax of 1875.	36 00
104.	J. Bragdon, J, S. Bragdon, J. Caine, H. Caine, C. P. Hilton, J. S. Wells, J. Williams, 2nd, C. Larrabee and W. H. Wilkinson, poll taxes of 1875,	27 00
	Amount carried forward,	$241 31

	Amount brought forward,	$241 31
ORDER NO.		
105	J. Bragdon, real estate, 1 86, Susan F. Chapman, real estate, 4 65, abatement on taxes of 1875,	6 51
106	Mrs. Geo. Bennett, real estate, 3 10, Isaiah Chadbonrn, poll and real estate, 7 65, abat. on taxes of 1875,	10 75
107	Est. of I. Huston, real estate, 2 48, est. of B. Hatch, real est., 3 41, Richard Littlefield, real, per. and poll 5 17, abatement on taxes of 1875,	11 06
108.	B. Pierce, real est. 1.55; C. F, Ricker, real est. 3 72; James Stevens, real est. 1 55—abatement tax 1875.	6 82
109.	S. Wormwood, poll and per., 3.31; J. Crediford, real est. and poll, 3.62—abatement tax 1875,	6 93
110.	Estate J. Goodwin 3d, real est., 3 10; estate W. Littlefield, real est. 2 48—abatement tax 1875,	5 58
111.	J. York, real est. and poll, 4 55; W. H. York, real est. and poll, 4 48—abatement tax 1875,	10 03
112.	R. Littlefield 2nd, real est. 3 72; J. E. Eaton, real est. and poll, 4 86—abatement tax 1875,	8 58
113.	Estate of E. Littlefield—abat. tax on real est. for '75,	6 41
114.	F. F. Ramsdell—abatement of tax on real est. and poll for 1875,	4 55
217.	Joseph Annis, C. M. Abbott, 3 00 each poll; S. Bennett, poll and per., 3 46; J. Bragdon, real est. 1 38; I. Chadbourn, real est. 1 84; N. J. Gray, poll and real est. 4 38; estate of I. Huston, real est., 1.84; Mrs. S. L. Hubbard, real est., 3 45; James Hatch, poll, 3 00; R. Littlefield, poll, real and per., 4 38; Mrs. A. M. Perkins, per. 1 84; B. Pierce, real est. 1 15; S. L. Quint, real est., 2 38; J. W. Staples, poll, 3 00; J. Stuart, T. D. Stuart, S. Wormwood, N. Blaborn, J. A. Bragdon, 3 00 each, poll tax, 15 00; estate of S. Came, real est., 3 45; J. Came, poll, 1 50; J. E. Eaton, poll and real est., 4 38; S. Goodwin, poll, 3 00; Aaron Goodale, 1 84; Wm. Hilton, poll and real est., 5 30; Wm. Hilton, 2nd, poll, 3 00; A. Littlefield, poll and per., 4 84; Heirs of J. Marriner, real est., 2 30; J. Rankin, poll, 3 00, abatement of taxes for 1876,	85 71
	Amount carried forward,	$404 24

	Amount brought forward,	$404 2
ORDER NO.		
218.	D. Butland & Gray, poll, 3 00; I. Chaney, poll and per 3 46; J. Crediford, per., 3 00; estate of W. Farrar, real estate, 6 90; E. C. Eyer, poll, 3 00; S. B. Littlefield, poll and per., 5 30; S. Ramsdell, J. W. Stuart, W. H. Wilkinson, 3 00 each poll, 9 00; G. B. Wentworth, real est., 1 84; A. B. Wells, poll, real and per., 51 30; E. York, poll, 3 00; John York, poll, 3 00; T. H. Taylor, real and per., 2 90; A. Gray, poll, 3 00; abatement of taxes for 1876,	98 7
219.	A. Jacobs, A. E. Meader, C. T. Buzzell, and B. Hatch, polls, 3 00 each,	12 0
220.	Stephen Ricker und Charles Sawyer, for abatement of tax on real estate, for 1876,	2 3
221.	Samuel Goodwin, J. Hatch and W. Hilton, 2d, polls and real est., 1875,	11 4
222.	Wm. Hilton and Joseph Annis, polls and real est., '75,	16 5
223.	S. D. Stuart and Trafton Phillips, polls & real est., '75,	14 2
224.	Wm. Hilton, abatement of tax on real est. for 1874,	1 6
	Amount,	$561 3

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

ORDER NO.		
17	Goodwin & Lunt, advice in case of B. & M. R. R.,	$5 00
23	Jedediah Perkins, in case of J. Maxwell,	5 00
28	Maine Insane hospital, support of Gooch Perkins to Feb. 28th, 1877,	33 03
29	Maine Insane hospital, support of B. F Wells to Feb. 28th, 1877,	34 02
37	J P. Merrifield, care of Town House from April 1st, '76, to April 1st, 1878,	10 00
52	John Hanscom, printing Town reports,	50 00
56	Dresser, McLellan & Co., for stationery,	13 25
80	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins to May 31st, 1877,	33 10
	Amount carried forward,	$183 40

	Amount brought forward,	$183 40
ORDER NO.		
81	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells to May 31st, 1877,	32 62
18	Wm. S. Noyes, printing Non- resident receipts,	3 00
21	E. P. Chase, for balance on liquors furnished Wm. A. Worcester, as settled by Jed'h Perkins, Town Ag't,	614 69
25	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins to Aug 31st, 1877,	38 31
26	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells to Aug. 31st, 1877,	34 79
76	A. K. Tripp, legal services year '76, and books for Poor Children, 1877,	9 35
78	Jacob Storer, Coffin and box for Miss A. Perkins,	15 00
79	Jacob Storer, coffin and box for Mrs. Daniel Grant,	15 00
81	Wm. S. Noyes, for advert'ng Non-resident taxes for '76,	28 50
84	Maine Insane Hospital, support of B. F. Wells to Nov. 30th, 1877,	34 31
85	Maine Insane Hospital, support of Gooch Perkins, to Nov. 30th, 1877,	33 32
92	Wm. Goodale, labor and material on breakwater,	63 00
93	Wm. Maxwell, material for breakwater,	24 04
99	Edwin Clark, cash paid Drummond & Winship for advice, and car fare to Portland and return,	22 00
00	Downing Hatch, notifying town meetings and town officers, years 1876-7,	39 09
01	Downing Hatch, commission for collecting $8,591 21, of assesment of 1876, as per agreement, 1 per cent,	85 91
05	Dresser, McLellen & Co., one book,	1 25
28	Nathaniel Hobbs, legal advice for years '75, '76, & '77,	20 00
29	Nathaniel Hobbs. for professional service at town meeting 10 00, with writing agreement and warrant,	14 00
36	Jos. Dane, for legal advice on liquor case, also, Downing Hatch case,	5 00
41	S. B. Farnsworth, for moving and storing liquor,	10 00
45	J. G. Storer, chairs for Town House,	3 25
	Amount,	$1,329 83

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$3,710 99	
" Supervisor,	129 00	
" Town Officers,	424 68	
" " Farm,	490 89	
" Supplies outside Farm,	470 34	
" Repairs of Highways,	2,996 93	
" Abatements of Taxes,	561 35	
" Miscellaneous bills,	1,329 83	
		$10,114 01

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1874.

ORDER No.			
.10	Theodore Hutchins,		$2 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1877-8.

ORDER No.			
23	Jedediah Perkins,	$5 00	
76	A. K. Tripp,	9 35	
77	" " "	65 00	
06	Samuel Houston,	6 00	
25	Lewis E. Keyes & Son,	4 00	
37	Geo. G. Hatch,	21 75	
42	A. K. Tripp,	64 00	
			$175 10

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1873.

eb. 10.	Nancy Sargent,	$50 00	
	Interest on above note,	17 57	
			$67 57

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1876.

pril 19.	Jeremiah B. Norton,	$1,000 00	
	Interest on above note,	109 83	
			$1,109 83

OUTSTANDING TREASURY NOTES OF 1877-8.

877,	April 24,	Sarah Hobbs,	$1,500 00	
"	" "	Hannah J. Libby, Ex'x,	1,000 00	
"	" "	Andrew J. Penney,	400 00	
"	Aug. 25,	Ella S. Bradbury,	1,100 00	
878,	Jan. 15,	Ivory Hatch,	1,000 00	
"	" "	Ann E. Hatch,	500 00	
"	Feb. 12,	Louisa Jones,	100 00	
"	" 18,	Laura R. Littlefield,	900 00	
"	" "	Thomas B. Littlefield,	500 00	
				$7,000 00
	Interest on above Notes,			182 18
				$7,182 18

STATEMENT,

Showing the Financial Condition of the Town of Wells at the date of this Report.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders of 1874,	$2 00	
" " " 1877-8,	175 10	
" Treasury Notes of 1873,	50 00	
" " " " 1876,	1,000 00	
" " " " 1877-8,	7,000 00	
Interest due on Treasury Notes of 1873,	17 57	
" " " " " 1876,	109 83	
" " " " " 1877-8,	182 18	
Due School District, No. 1,	4 50	
" " " " 4,	38	
" " " " 5,	7 54	
" " " " 6,	11 79	
" " " " 7,	8 28	
" " " " 8,	4 12	
" " " " 9,	35 52	
" " " " 12,	8 36	
" " " " 14,	10	
" " " " 16,	9 32	
" " " " 17,	1 35	
		$8,627 94

RESOURCES.

ue from Non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,047 54	
" " " " " 1876,	158 24	
" " Interest and charges on above tax of 1876,	50 86	
" " Wm. Clark, on tax of 1877,	1,995 92	
" " " " interest on tax of 1877,	75 09	
" " State School Fund of 1877,	600 65	
" " " Mill Tax of 1878,	959 79	
" " Wm. Goodale, on acct. books sold, (Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,)	33 75	
" Amount Property unredeemed bought by Town Mar. 21, 1877, of Treasurer,	302 75	
" Interest on same,	75 68	
inety-one books on hand at $1 25, Histories of Wells and Kennebunk,	113 75	
mount Cash in hands of Treasurer,	118 67	
" " acct. Dog Fund in hands of Treasurer,	78 00	
		$6,925 69
mount Liabilities, deducting Resources,		$1,702 25

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the following sums:

For support of Poor other Town expenses,	$2,500 00	
" " " Schools,	2,302 40	
" repairs " Highways,	3,000 00	
" Town Indebtedness,	$2,000 00	
		$9,802 40
State Tax,	$2,058 21	
County Tax,	827 34	
Overlay,	527 05	
		3,412 60
		$13,215 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	$2,302 40	
School Fund of 1877,	600 65	
Mill Tax, of 1878,	959 79	
		$3,862 84

STOCK AND PROVISION ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen,	$120 00	
Two cows,	60 00	
One heifer,	25 00	
Twenty eight hens,	14 00	
Five tons English hay,	70 00	
Five bushels corn,	3 00	
Ten " oats,	5 00	
Two " beans,	4 00	
Seven " meal,	4 34	
Half barrel flour,	4 00	
350 pounds pork,	35 00	
30 gallons molasses,	15 00	
8 pounds butter	2 00	
150 bushels potatoes,	75 00	
Other vegetables,	5 00	
Two barrels soap,	5 00	
Eighteen pounds lard,	2 00	
Six pounds tea,	3 00	
Ten pounds Sugar,	1 00	
		$452 34

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

LAMONT A. STEVENS, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells for the year ending February 18, 1878.

Dr.

To non-resident taxes of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " " 1874,	2,143 48	
" " " " " 1875,	635 40	
" Balance commitment of Tax of 1874,	50 00	
" " " " " " 1875,	200 00	
" " " " " " 1876,	5,577 91	
" Commitment of Tax of 1877,	10,329 45	
" Supplementary commitment of Tax of 1877,	46 92	
" Cash on hand, per settlement, Feb. 17, 1877,	452 98	
" " rec'd of State Treas., State School Fund, '76,	650 40	
" " " " " " " Mill Tax, 1877,	924 46	
" " " " " " " Railroad Tax, '75,	13 14	
" " " " " " " " " 1876,	21 22	
" " " of George Goodwin, to bal. account,	24 28	
" " " " Aaron Maxwell account, support of Joseph Maxwell, year 1876,	50 00	
" " " " Aaron Maxwell account, support of Joseph Maxwell, for year 1877,	50 00	
" " " " Theodore Wells, for one-third support of Benj. F. Wells, 1877,	45 24	
" " " " Jacob Storer, refunded on account error in Order No. 178,	3 00	
" " " " Jos. G. Storer, for boot between oxen on Town Farm,	12 00	
" " " for eight books, (History of Wells and Kennebunk,) at 1.25 each,	10 00	
" Charges and interest on advertised Non-resident Taxes of 1875, up to sale, Mar. 21, 1877,	141 63	
" Cash received account interest on redemption of property sold to Town of Wells, Mar. 21, '77,	13 62	
" Cash received account interest and charges on advertised Non-resident Taxes of 1876,	13 78	
" Cash loaned,	14,300 00	
		$36,023 91

DOG FUND.

To cash received for license of dogs for the year 1877,	$117 00

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

LAMONT A. STEVENS, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Wells, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1878.

		Cr.
non-resident Taxes uncollected of 1867,	$5 55	
" " " " 1868,	8 25	
" " " " 1869,	88 62	
" " " " 1870,	72 80	
" " " " 1871,	20 70	
" " " " 1872,	58 81	
" " " " 1873,	60 27	
" " " " 1874,	2,047 54	
" " " " 1876,	158 24	
bal. uncollected on commitment of 1877, (Wm. Clark, Collector,)	1,995 92	
amount of Property sold to Town of Wells Mar. 21, 1877, acct. non-resident taxes of 1875, that is unredeemed by farmer owners, as per deeds of same,	302 75	
Orders paid of 1876-7 issue,	370 31	
" " " 1877-8,	9,938 91	
Treasury Notes paid of 1876-7,	19,675 00	
Interest on same paid,	1,101 57	
Amount cash on hand,	118 67	
		$36 023 91

DOG FUND.

		Cr.
Orders paid James & Edwin Jenkins,	$39 00	
nount cash on hand,	78 00	
		$117 00

TOWN BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

To amount of Liabilities, as per Report, Feb. 17, 1877,	$14,443 26	
To amount Orders issued 1877-8,	10,114 01	
" " Treasury Notes issued,	14,300 00	
" " Due School District,	91 26	
" " Accrued Interest,	765 20	
		$39,713 7

Cr.

By amt. Resources, per Report, Feb. 17, 1877,	$11,307 98	
" " Assessment of 1877,	10,376 37	
" " State School Fund of 1877,	600 65	
" " " Mill Tax of 1878,	959 79	
" " " Railroad Tax of 1875,	13 14	
" " " " " " 1877,	21 22	
" " Interest on Tax of 1877,	75 09	
" " received of Theodore Wells, 1877,	45 24	
" " " " Aaron Maxwell, 1877,	50 00	
" " " " J. G. Storer, 1877,	12 00	
" " " " Jacob Storer,	3 00	
" " Charges and Interest on advertising non-resident taxes, and on unredeemed property for years 1875-6,	169 00	
By amt. Dog Fund,	78 00	
" " Cash loaned,	14,300 00	
Amount of indebtedness, Feb. 17, 1878,	1,702 25	
		$39,713 7

SUMMARY.

Total amount Liabilities,	$39,713 73	
Amount Feb. 17, 1877,	14,443 26	
		$25,270 4
Total amount Resources,	$38,011 48	
Amount of Resources, Feb. 17, 1877,	11,307 98	
		$26,703 4
Decrease of Debt,		$1,433 0

J. H. MILDRAM,
Auditor.

WELLS, Feb. 17, 1878.

REPORT

OF THE

Supervisor of Schools

OF THE TOWN OF WELLS.

Your Supervisor begs leave to submit the following report of the condition of the Schools in the Town of Wells:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—EDWARD WELLS, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 65.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 45. Average attendance, 40. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week.

This school was under the very excellent instruction of Miss Maria Goodwin. In all the points that go to make a good school, this was considerably above the average. Teacher and scholars seemed devoted to their respective tasks, and the result was an excellent school.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 53; average attendance, 47. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $50 00 per month.

Mr. F. M. Ambrose taught this School. His discipline was of the most rigid order. He was willing to work and he exacted a corresponding effort from his scholars. Very favorable results were accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—C. L. MILDRAM, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the District, 123.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending School, 47. Average attendance, 43. Length of School, 9 weeks. Wages of Teacher, $9.00 per week.

Fall Term.—Whole number attending School. 54. Average attendance, 47. Length of School, 9 weeks. Wages of Teacher, $9.00 per week.

Both these terms were taught by Miss S. J. Mildram, assisted in the Summer Term by Miss Alice Bourne, and in the Fall Term by Miss S. T. Hill, both of whom performed their parts well. Miss M. is an accomplished and successful teacher, and in this effort did herself credit.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending School, 52. Average attendance, 45. Length of School, 10 weeks. Wages of Teacher, $48 per month.

John Rankin, Jr., A. B., taught this term. Mr. R. is a wide awake teacher, willing to work hard and expecting a like application on the part of his School.

By putting forth untiring and unceasing effort in the direction of good order, he succeeded in bringing his school to a good standard of discipline—scholars made good improvement. Miss Hannah Hill was his assistant, and she acquitted herself well.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—S. S. LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole number of Scholars in the District, 62.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending School, 29. Average attendance, 25. Length of School, 11 weeks. Wages of Teacher,——

This School was taught by Miss Lizzie F. Bradbury. Miss B. seems to have a happy faculty of imparting knowledge and interesting the young. Her school gave evidence of having been well taught.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 30; average at-
ndance, 24. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher,
2 00 per month.

Mr. Edward H. Rowell was the teacher of this school. At
y first visit, I was very much pleased with the school, and my
ticipations that it would be one crowned with great results ran
gh. At my last visit, want of interest on the part both of
acher and scholars was painfully evident.

DISTRICT NO. 4,—LEWIS B. KIMBALL, *Agent.*

Whole No. of scholars in district, 35.

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending school, 17; average at-
ndance, 12. Length of school, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher,
7 50 per week.

This school was taught by Miss Vesta O. Ramsdell. Miss
. has had a large experience in teaching, and had she had a
hool large enough to have stirred up more energy, would have
ndoubtedly made a better showing. Some good, however, was
ccomplished.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 20: Average at-
ndance, 16. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher,
8 00 per week.

Miss Mary F. Wilson taught this school. This, like the Sum-
er term, was a very small school. Want of interest and energy
haracterized the efforts both on the part of teacher and scholars.
ome progress, however, was made.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—HENRY D. DONNELLS, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 79.

Summer Term—Whole No. attending school, 36. Average at-
endance, 29. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher,
7 50 per week.

This school was under the instruction of Miss Hannah A. Rich-
rds. Miss R. worked hard in her school, and was very exacting
n her discipline: in this last endeavor she succeeded in gaining

the ill-will of some scholars and some parents. The best results of the term were somewhat hindered by this cause.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 49. Average attendance, 38. Length of school, 15 weeks. Wages of teacher $10 50 per week. This term was taught by Miss Helen G. Weare. The teacher succeeded in gaining the good will of her school, and the result was a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—J. D. EATON, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 46.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 23. Average attendance, 20. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 25 per week.

Miss Alice Littlefield taught this school. Miss L. is young in experience, but quite mature in judgment. Her efforts were in a large degree successful.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 29; average attendance, 26. Length of school 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $42 00 per month.

This school was taught by Charles W. Stone. Mr. Stone was a very young man, and young in experience, also. The order of the school was poor and it lacked that lively zeal necessary to make a good school. Some scholars made fair advancement.

DISTRICT NO.7,— JOEL N. ALLEN, *Agent.*

Whole number of Scholars in the District, 62.

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending School, 32, average attendance, 23. Length of School, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7.25 per week. Taught by Miss Florence J. Furbish. This was Miss F.'s first attempt at teaching, and though surrounded by somewhat unfavorable circumstances, she succeeded well.

Winter Term,—Whole No. attending School, 37, average attendance,30. Length of School, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $45.00 per month.

Mr. Joshua Getchell had charge of this School. Mr. G. has had a long and successful experience in teaching and is a wide awake man and enthusiastic teacher. His exercises in Geography were deeply interesting.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—GEORGE BASTON, *Agent.*

Whole Number of Scholars in the District, 23 .

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending School, 15 ; average attendance, 12. Length of School, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 00 per week.

Winter Term,— Whole No. attending school, 15, Average attendance, 11. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 00 per week.

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Baston. At my last visit in both cases the school had fallen off very much, from which I infer a want of interest. Those present acquitted themselves very well.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—MOSES LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 29.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 17. Average attendance, 12. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 00 per week.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 15. Average attendance 14. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher $8 00 per week.

Both terms were taught by Miss Emma L. Perkins. These schools were in the hands of a faithful teacher and good results were accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 10.— JOSEPH GOODWIN, *Agent.*

Whole No. of Scholars in the District, 70.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending School, 31 ; average attendance, 24. Length of School, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $5 50 per week.

Miss Annette Goodwin taught this term. She preserved the best of order and labored hard for the good of her School. The School made good progress.

Winter Term,—Whole No. attending School, 45 ; average attendance, 38. Length of School, 13 weeks.

This School was in the charge of your Supervisor. It contains some fine scholars and is a good School.

DISTRICT NO. 11,—HORACE MILLS, *Agent.*

Whole number of Scholars in the District, 23.

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending School, 16 ; average attendance, 15. Length of School, 6 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 20 per week.

Winter Term,—Whole number attending School, 23 ; average attendance, 19. Length of School, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, 6 70 per week.

Both terms were taught by Miss Allie Anderson. Miss A. is a faithful and and assiduous teacher. Her efforts were crowned with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 12,—J. C. HATCH, *Agent.*

Whole Number of Scholars in the District, 31.

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending School, 25 ; average attendance, 22. Length of school, 6 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 00 per week.

Miss Lizzie Ford taught this term ; she is a conscientious and painstaking teacher and her efforts were crowned with much success.

Winter Term,—Whole No. attending School, 23; average at-
ndance, 19. Length of School, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher,
) 00 per week.

Miss Mary A. Talpey was the teacher of this School. Miss
. has a rich and well earned reputation as a first class teacher.
ie sustained herself well in this effort.

DISTRICT NO. 13,—JOTHAM LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

hole No. of scholars in the District, 78.

Summer Term,—Whole No. attending School, 41; average at-
ndance, 34. Length of School 9 weeks. Wages of teacher,
10 00 per week.

Miss M. S. Richards taught this term. At the opening of the
rm the extremely poor order did not augur well for a success-
l School. I was not notified of its close, hence did not see the
hool a second time. I think the defect of order must have de-
acted much from its success.

Winter Term,—Whole No. attending School, 50; average atten-
ance, 39. Length of School, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher,
50 00 per month.

This term was taught by D. W. Perkins, Esq. Mr. P. is a teach-
of considerable experience and devotes himself to his work
ithfully. He succeeded in bringing his School to a great stan-
rd of discipline and the progress in study was good.

DISTRICT NO. 14,—ALMON HATCH, *Agent.*

Whole No. of scholars in the district, 73.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 44; average at-
ndance, 31. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher,
10 00 per week.

Miss Susan A. Getchell, teacher. Miss G. is earnest and
ergetic, and loses no opportunity to enforce a good thought,
ough it may not be found in the book. Her school was indeed
good one.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 33 ; average attendance, 27. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $50 00 per month.

John Rankins, Jr., A. B., taught this school. Order excellent and improvement good.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—OREN LITTLEFIELD, *Agent:*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 48.

Summer Term.—Miss Lydia J. Hatch, was the teacher of this term. School well taught and improvement good.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 25 ; average attendance, 21. Length of school, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $11 00 per week.

Miss Lizzie Ford, had charge of this term. Her school at its close gave ample evidence of having been in the hands of a faithful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 16.— W. S. WELLS, *Agent.*

Whole No. of scholars in the district, 60.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 27 ; average attendance, 25. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week.

This term was taught by Miss Jennie M. Wells, who does her work very gently yet faithfully. Her school appeared wel and accomplised very satisfactory results.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 31 ; average attendance, 21. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $10 per week.

Miss A. O. Mildram, Teacher. Miss M. occupies a place in the front rank of good teachers. She has had much experience and she has evidently profited by it. Her school was a good one

DISTRICT NO. 17.—B. L. STORER, *Agent.*

Whole No. of Scholars in the District, 9.

Summer Term.—Whole No. attending school, 9; average at-endance, 7. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher 6 00 per week. Miss Addie Clark taught this term. Good rder and good advancement characterized the school.

Winter Term.—Whole No. attending school, 9: average at-endance, 7. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher 6 00 per week.

This term was taught by Miss Abbie Pope. This, like the ummer school, was a good school. Scholars seemed very studi-us and recited promptly.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

District No. 16, (Wells Branch,) availed itself of the provis-on of law in aid of such schools, and established and maintained successful school for the term of ten weeks.

The school was taught by Mr. Ambrose, who taught the Town chool in district No. 1. I congratulate the District on account f their enterprise and success in this matter.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is believed the past year has been one as fruitful of good results n our schools as the average of years that have preceded it. That ll has been done and accomplished that ought and might have een done is not pretended. Our country school system is encum-ered with many faults, some of which, from the nature of the ase, must cling to it without remedy. One of these faults, and erhaps as injurious as any, is the employment of persons as eachers who take up teaching, not as an end, but for the purpose

of forwarding some other end. Inasmuch as our schools occupy so small a portion of the time, thus rendering it impossible to employ professional teachers, I can conceive of no full remedy.

The nearest approach to a remedy is the employment as Teachers of those persons who are the most faithful in all the duties and business of life. No teacher from this class of persons will be content to draw his pay without a faithful effort to intensify his usefulness in the school-room, and the school district. Such a teacher will often inquire whether there may not be some in his district that ought to be gathered into the school-room. He will be devising means whereby to awaken in his pupils all the elements of success in study, such as a real burning desire to know: pride and self reliance impelling him to refrain from asking aid of the teacher until necessity compels it; willingness to work, power of applying himself so as to become buried up in his work, wholly oblivious to all his surroundings. Any pupil with these habits of study must succeed, and without them he will look in vain for great results.

Another drawback to more satisfactory results in our Schools, is the want of school-room apparatus, such as maps and black-boards.

There is not a single school room in the Town, *well* furnished in this particular. In two or three cases a few tattered maps embelish the walls, and a very poor apology for a black-board is found in nearly all the rooms, but not one of the first-class.

Mathematics can only be successfully taught by the liberal and frequent use of the black-board. Impressions received from the board are more vivid and lasting than those received from any other source.

What the black-board is to mathematics, the wall-maps are to Geography. It is impossible for a pupil to remember all the *minutiæ* of geography in full; but every scholar of suitable age ought to have well defined in his mind the outline and location of the countries of the earth, and the chief cities, rivers and mountains. This can be taught in no better way, and in fact in no other way, with success, than by appropriate wall maps.

To us, as parents and teachers, is committed a momentous trust—the nurture and education of the youth upon whom must then devolve all the great interests of Nation and Society: we sadly fail to appreciate the importance of our great mission.

When we contemplate the horrible wickedness and depravity of this age, we ought to tremble for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. TRIPP,

Supervisor of Schools.

WELLS, Feb. 17, 1878.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1878.

CLERK,

GEORGE G. HATCH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

JOSEPH D. EATON,
JOSEPH D. WELLS,
TRAFTON HATCH.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

JOHN RANKIN, JR.

TOWN AGENT,

GEORGE GETCHELL.

TREASURER,

A. K. TRIPP.

COLLECTOR,

ALEXANDER MAXWELL.

AUDITOR,

B. MAXWELL.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WELLS,

For the year ending February 18, 1879.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

The following report, embracing the appropriations and expenditures of the Selectmen of Wells for the year ending February 18, 1879, is herewith submitted.

The Selectmen have drawn 260 Orders on the Treasurer, amounting to,	$9,963 90
Of which the Treas. has redeemed 247, amounting to,	9,637 58
Leaving 13 Orders now outstanding, amounting to,	326 32
	$9,963 90

The above orders were drawn for the following purposes:

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Order No.	45,	District No.	9,	$18 83
" "	55,	" "	9,	77 00
" "	53,	" "	17,	36 00
" "	54,	" "	16,	98 00
" "	56,	" "	1,	85 55
" "	57,	" "	10,	57 00
" "	58,	" "	14,	82 50
" "	59,	" "	2,	131 70
" "	60,	" "	12,	68 00
" "	61,	" "	11,	48 31
" "	62,	" "	15,	80 00
" "	63,	" "	13,	92 19
" "	64,	" "	5,	95 00
" "	65,	" "	8,	48 16
" "	66,	" "	4,	54 60
" "	67,	" "	7,	79 75
" "	68,	" "	6,	74 00
" "	69,	" "	3,	90 00
" "	79,	" "	10,	23 80
				$1340 30

WINTER TERM.

Orders Nos.	113, 177, 207,	Dis.	11,	$80 70
" "	134, 172, 175,	"	14,	159 21
" "	145, 240,	"	1,	168 12
" "	146,	"	1,	5 00
" "	147, 178,	"	16,	148 70
" "	148, 171, 216,	"	15,	128 75
" "	149, 174,	"	9,	85 00
" "	150, 187,	"	6,	139 75
" "	151, 186,	"	7,	178 40
" "	173,	"	8,	96 44
" "	176,	"	12,	113 84
" "	181,	"	17,	60 00
" "	182,	"	3,	167 96
" "	183,	"	4,	126 04
" "	185,	"	5,	174 84
" "	203,	"	14,	9 07
" "	255,	"	10,	168 00
				$2009 82

HIGH SCHOOL.

Order No.			
49	Lydia J. Hatch, for services as assistant teacher in Dist. No. 14, 14 weeks, at $8 50 per week,		$93 50
50	F. L. Buker, for services as teacher in District No. 14, 2 3-4 mos. at $60 per month,		165 00
160	Maria W. Goodwin, for services as assistant teacher in Dist. No. 7, 12 weeks at $10 per week,		120 00
161	John Rankin, Jr., for services as teacher in Dist No. 2, 2 19-20 mos. at $60 00 per month,		177 00
168	Olivia Mildram, for services as assistant teacher in Dist. No. 5, 13 weeks at $10 00 per week,		130 00
169	G. H. Rogers, for teaching penmanship in Districts Nos. 2 and 5, 23 lessons,		23 00
170	F. L. Buker, for services as teacher in Dist. No. 5, 13 weeks at $15 00 per week,		195 00
			$903 50

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Order No.			
98	John Rankin, Jun., for services as Supervisor of schools up to Aug. 2, 1878,		$69 63
248	John Rankin, Jun., for services as Supervisor of schools up to Feb. 13, 1879,		62 50
			$132 13

TOWN OFFICERS.

Order No.			
9	Wm. Goodale, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Mar. 20, 1878,		$18 50
12	J. G. Storer, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Mar. 16, 1878,		18 00
16	J. H. Mildram, for services as Auditor,	$20 00	
	" " " " surveying road,	3 00	
	" " " " travel to Clerk's office,	1 00	24 00
81	L. A. Stevens, services as Treasurer up to Mar. 13, 1878,		20 60
98	Edwin Clark, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Mar. 11, 1878,		15 25
206	J. D. Wells, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Nov. 6, 1878,		73 25
246	G. G. Hatch, for services as Clerk, up to Feb. 11,'79,		12 75
	Amount carried forward,		$182 35

	Amount brought forward,	$182 35
Order No.		
251	Trafton Hatch, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 11, 1879,	67 50
258	J. D. Eaton, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 11. 1879,	81 00
259	J. D. Wells, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 11, 1879,	14 25
260	A. K. Tripp, for services as Treasurer, from Mar. 20, 1878, to Feb. 15, 1879,	87 20
		$432 30

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
36	George Dykeman, for 3 mos. service, up to April 22, '78,	$62 50
82	L. A. Stevens, for supplies for town farm to Mar. 11, '78,	28 66
103	Geo. Dykeman, for 3 mos. services up to July 22, 1878,	68 75
88	J. G. Hall, for medical service for paupers,	38 55
43	Jacob Storer, for furnishing coffin and other expenses in burial of J. Maxwell,	13 50
154	George Dykeman, for 3 months service, up to Oct. 22,	68 75
111	Wm. Rankin & Son, for supplies for town farm, up to Sept. 18,	106 43
221	George Dykeman, for 3 mos. service, up to Jan. 22, '79,	68 75
236	Wm. Rankin & Son, for supplies for town farm, up to Feb. 11, 1879,	81 53
		$537 42

SUPPORT OF POOR AND MEDICAL ATTENDANCE OUTSIDE OF TOWN FARM.

Order No.		
14	J. G. Hall, for medical service for family of N. J. Gray,	$40 00
32	Joseph Bridges, for 6 1-2 days work taking care of Aaron Goodale,	9 75
34	William Rankin & Son, for supplies furnished Widow J. Eaton, Jan. up to Mar. 16, 1878,	8 27
35	William Rankin & Son, for supplies furnished N. J. Gray, up to Mar. 18, 1878,	6 03
	Amount carried forward,	$64 05

	Amount brought forward,	$64 05
ORDER NO.		
47	G. G. Hatch, for supplies furnished D. Wells, from Feb. 18 to May 20—14 weeks, at 75 cts. per week,	10 50
48	Ephraim Littlefield, for board of Araon Goodale, from April 14 to May 22,	17 00
52	L. E. Keyes, for supplies for Clara Eaton, from March 27 to April 11,	3 23
74	G. G. Hatch, for supplies furnishe l Clara Eaton, from April 11 to July 19,	15 50
76	J. O. McCorrison & Co., for medicine furnished family of James Stuart, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 24, 1877,	7 11
77	Frank M. Ross, for medical service for family of T. J. Green, from Dec. 25, 1877, to May 15, 1878,	24 50
78	Frank M. Ross, for medical service for family of L. Larrabee, from Feb. 18, 1878, to Jan. 12, 1879,	30 85
80	G. D. Staples, for medical service for family of J. Stuart, from July 13 to Aug. 14, 1878,	15 00
85	C. T. Lord, for medical service for S. B. Littlefield's wife,	54 00
86,	Charles E. Snow, for house rent for James Stuart, from Nov. 13, 1877, to April 13, 1878,	40 84
164,	Daniel Hanscom, for medical service for Elizabeth Green, from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8, 1878,	15 00
184,	Town of South Berwick, for supplies furnished Hiram Chaney, to Feb. 4, 1879,	4 54
209,	Samuel Hubbard, for board of C. J. Norman's wife and child, from Sept. 24 to Dec. 17, 1878,	24 00
220,	C. T. Lord, medicine furnished S. B. Littlefield's wife, from Aug. 3 to Dec. 11, 1878,	6 00
222,	E. F. Stockwell, for medical service for Susan J. Hatch, from January 19 to Sept. 30, 1878,	7 50
229,	S. B. Jellerson, for house rent for Horace Larrabee,	7 50
230,	Wm. Fairfield, for supplies furnished H. Larrabee and T. J. Green, to Jan. 27, 1879,	42 91
231,	Town of Sanford, for 2 weeks board of William Pierce,	6 00
238,	L. E. Keyes & Son, for supplies furnished N. J. Grey, 42 3-4 weeks, 1.25 pr. week,	53 43
	Amount carried forward,	$449 46

	Amount brought forward,	$449 46
RDER NO.		
45,	G. G Hatch, for supplies furnished Daniel Wells, from May 25, 1878, to Feb. 10, 1879, 38 weeks at 75 cents per week,	28 50
47,	Mary A. Stevens, for washing clothes for Aaron Goodale, April 18,	2 00
65,	Frank Green, for taking care of Elizabeth Green, 21 days,	15 00
		$494 96

BILLS CONTRACTED PRIOR TO 1878.

RDER NO.		
22	George W. Littlefield, for labor on Branch bridge, Oct. 1877,	$2 00
31	A. T. Littlefield for extra repairs on road,	6 00
38	Geo. Thompson, for filling up wash-out on Landing road, at Ogunquit,	46 29
14	A. C. Clark, for balance tax 1877,	1 70
13	C. E. Gowen, for repairs on road,	2 00
6	B. Maxwell, for iron and spikes for repairing breakwater, 1876,	13 70
41	Jedediah Perkins, for settling liquor case with State Agent,	5 70
97	S. M. Chick, balance of highway tax 1877,	2 00
		$79 39

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS, WINTER OF 1877-8.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
18,	J. T. Merrifield,	$2 52
20,	Edwin Rankin,	6 12
21,	Geo. F. Littlefield,	7 20
23,	Edward L. Littlefield,	13 20
24,	Chas. H. West,	11 55
25,	James Chaney,	4 80
26,	Oliver West, 2d.,	3 75
28,	Josiah Storer,	1 80
29,	Geo. B. Goodale,	4 50
30,	A. T. Littlefield,	6 80
33,	Joseph Allen,	3 75
37,	George Thompson,	3 45
39,	G. N. Dockam,	7 50
41,	B. L. Storer,	6 50
44,	Eben Sayward,	10 10
46,	Wm. H. Taylor,	4 40
75,	Arioch Penny,	5 75
87,	Nicholas Littlefield,	2 25
95,	Ivory Hatch,	3 45
96,	Sam. M. Chick,	4 25
106.	Stelman Lord,	3 60
123,	Edward Hilton, Jun.,	1 05
191,	Daniel Moody,	5 85
187,	Robert Getchel,	2 10
198,	N. H. Perkins,	7 00
205,	Christopher Littlefield,	5 00
227,	Downing Hatch,	3 90
228,	Jacob Chaney,	1 80
195,	J. G. Storer,	3 45
		$147 39

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS, SUMMER OF 1878.

Order No.	Name of Surveyor.	Amount.
42,	Josiah Storer. extra repairs,	$6 85
83,	Stilman Lord,	43 22
84,	Eben Sayward,	43 52
89,	Edwin Clark, for rebuilding culvert,	76 50
90,	James Chaney,	21 38
91,	Edwin Clark,	26 78
93,	Dependance Hatch,	40 59
94,	Rufus Williams,	31 81
99,	Edwin Rankin, in part,	76 05
100,	H. C. Swasey,	28 41
101,	A. C. Mildram,	36 00
102.	Geo. F. Littlefield,	36 30
104,	C. F. Clark,	42 25
105,	Eben Sayward, plank furnished for Elm Brook bridge,	5 83
110,	G. W. Littlefield,	44 07
112,	Joshua Clark,	25 00
115,	Jacob H. Stuart,	57 45
117,	N. G. Wadleigh,	24 90
118,	N. G. Wadleigh, for repairs on Bedell bridge,	5 35
120,	Walter Allen,	23 58
121,	Amos Allen,	45 97
122,	Edward Hilton, Jr.,	23 40
124,	Stephen Sargent,	35 01
125,	Edward L. Littlefield,	29 61
126,	" " " repairing culvert,	15 02
127,	C. H. West,	42 99
129,	A. D. Jacobs,	84 45
130,	J. D. Eaton, lumber for Weare bridge,	72 97
133,	Joseph Goodwin,	34 76
135,	B. L. Storer,	28 08
137,	Wm. H. Taylor,	19 95
141,	Wm. Maxwell,	38 00
142,	Henry Hubbard,	62 90
143,	Horace Littlefield,	33 87
144,	A. T. Littlefield,	107 60
152,	A. C. Clark,	30 00
Amount carried forward,		$1400 42

Order No.	Name of Surveyor,	Amount.
	Amount brought forward,	$1400 42
153,	E. A. Pope,	59 78
155,	Oren Littlefield,	40 12
156,	Abram W. Jepson,	35 59
157,	S. B. Farnsworth,	42 01
158,	" " " lumber and labor, repairing Buffum bridge,	22 38
159.	Edwin Rankin, bal. of tax,	30 31
162,	C. C. Littlefield,	25 84
163,	Daniel Moody,	39 62
167,	J. D. Eaton, lumber for Donnell bridge,	21 51
192,	J. P. Merrifield,	15 80
193,	Dependance Hatch, for lumber and labor repairing Staples bridge,	14 69
194,	J. G. Storer,	22 00
196,	" " " plank for culvert,	4 05
199,	N. H. Perkins,	30 68
200,	B. Maxwell,	68 29
201,	Nicholas Littlefield,	29 25
202,	L. D. Littlefield,	31 78
203,	Christopher Littlefield,	35 74
208,	Wm. Maxwell, for lumber and labor repairing Tibbett's bridge, and lumber for Steven's bridge,	26 51
217,	Oren Littlefield, for railing for Branch Gulley bridge,	7 32
218,	Eben Sayward, for repairing washout near E. Hilton's,	3 15
219,	Stephen Sargent, for extra repairs on road,	2 92
225,	J. D. Eaton, for lumber and labor repairing bridge near Eaton's Mill.	56 56
233,	Stilman Lord, for repairing culvert near Baptist Meeting House,	14 70
190,	Charles M. Littlefield,	18 76
250,	Rufus Williams, extra work on road,	3 75
249,	Edwin Rankin, " " " "	4 20
257.	George Thompson, reprirs on Weare bridge,	2 70
		$2110 43

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

BY BOARD OF SELECMEEN FOR THE YEAR 1877.

ORDER NO.			
1	Silas M. Fuller, on real estate,		$5 60
2	Wm. Clark, for abatement tax on personal estate of M. C. Bragdon,	$3 50	
	Same, personal estate of Mrs. R. Hobbs,	1 80—	5 30
3	Wm. Clark, for abatement tax on real estate Thadeus Littlefield,	2 00	
	Same, real estate Oliver Butland,	1 44	
	Same, Poll Tax of E. Getchell,	3 00—	6 44
4	J. O. Bragdon, personal estate,		5 40
5	B. Maxwell, abatement of tax on personal estate, (error in assessment),		43 20
7	Estate of J. M. Eaton, on personal estate,		27 00
8	J. W. Hubbard. on personal estate,		2 88
			$95 82

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FOR 1878, ON COMMITMENTS OF 1876 AND 1877.

ORDER NO.			
15	John Annis,		$3 60
47	Noah Littlefield, abatement of Poll tax, 1877,		3 00
27	Alpheus Littlefield, " " " "		3 00
116	E. M. Littlefield, abatement on personal estate, tax 1877,		5 40
179	William Clark for abatement of taxes for the year 1876, as follows:		
	Elijah M. Blabon, on real estate,	.92	
	Mrs. R. Hobbs, on personal estate,	1 15	
	Robert Farnsworth, poll tax,	3 00	
	Walter Littlefield, " "	3 00	
	Wm. Wilkinson, real estate,	3 45	
	Estate of Thomas Hobbs, real estate,	46 00	
	L. D. Moody, poll tax,	3 00—	60 52
180	Wm. Clark, for abat't of taxes 1877, as follows:		
	John F. Bragdon, on poll,	1 00	
	J. H. Bragdon, " "	3 00	
	Heirs of Benj. Curtis, real estate,	1 08	
	John Cain, poll tax,	3 00	
	John E. Eaton, poll tax,	3 00	
	Amounts carried forward:	$11 08	$75 52

	Amounts brought forward,	$11 08	$75 52
	Samuel Goodwin, " "	3 00	
	Aaron Goodale, real estate,	1 16	
	Benajah Hatch, poll tax,	3 00	
	John Hatch, " "	3 00	
	William Hilton, real estate,	3 60	
	William Hilton 2d, A. McKay, and Peter Annis, each poll tax,	9 00	
	John S. Bragdon, on poll,	2 00	
	Josephas Bragdon, on real estate,	1 80	
	Ira Chaney, on poll,	2 40	
	Ella L. Butler, on personal estate,	18 00	
	N. J. Gray, on real estate,	1 80	
	Enos Hatch. " "	3 66	
	Thomas Quint " "	4 44	
	Catharine Stevens, on real estate,	1 08	
	Thomas D. Stuart, bal. of poll tax,	2 80—	71 82
	D. Hatch, Richard Littlefield, J. Stuart, J. Crediford, E. C. Geyers, A. Gray, S. Hamilton, G. W. Littlefield, J. Plaisted & Son, Wm. J. Perkins, A. Stevens, L. D. Moody, A. York, E. York, Henry Cain, one poll each,		45 00
	Marcia P. Morrill, error in tax on real estate,		5 76
	Heirs of D. S. Maxwell, on real estate,		3 76
	Wm. H. York, on poll and real estate,		5 00
226	Wm. Clark, for abatement of tax on real estate of Downing Hatch,	7 00	
	Heirs of Benj. Hatch,	1 80	
	Christopher Kimball, real estate,	1 60—	10 40
			$217 26

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON COMMITMENT OF 1878.

Order No.		
204	Leander Perkins, on real estate,	$2 40
212	Malinda Bragdon, abatement of tax on personal estate, (error in assessment,)	4 00
214	Charles E. Gowen, on personal estate,	1 60
235	Wm. D. Moulton's heirs, on real estate,	8 00
239	Mary A. Rankin, on personal estate, (error in assessment,)	4 00
		$20 00

BUILDING BREAKWATER.

Order No.		
51	C. E. Kimball and G. W. Hilton, in part for labor and materials,	$78 50
70	C. E. Kimball and G. W. Hilton, in full for labor and materials on contract,	96 50
71	C. E. Kimball and G. W. Hilton, for extra labor,	33 00
119	A. T. Littlefield, for labor on repairs,	28 25
166	J. D. Eaton, for plank and spikes,	26 54
215	Solomon Stevens, for hauling stone for extension of breakwater,	50 00
224	Solomon Stevens, for hauling stone for extension of "	25 00
		$337 79

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.		
10	Owen Davis, for 2 shoats,	$12 00
11	J. G. Storer, for putting up guide boards,	3 50
13	John Hanscom, for printing town reports,	40 00
19	John P Merrifield, for taking care town house and making repairs,	11 75
40	Dresser & McLellan, for bill of stationery,	15 00
72	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, up to May 31, 1878,	36 42
73	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to May 31, 1878,	30 95
131	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, up to Aug. 31, 1878,	30 13
132	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to Aug. 31, 1878,	29 25
136	Geo. Crestenson, for pump for town farm,	9 50
138	Eastern Star office, for blank orders,	2 50
139	G. A. Hobbs, for blank orders,	2 85
140	G. A. & T. A. Hobbs, for advertising returned taxes of non-residents,	30 00
210	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Gooch Perkins, up to Nov. 30, 1878,	29 25
211	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells, up to Nov. 30, 1878,	36 51
223	Getchel & West, for damages sustained by surveyor taking gravel from front of house,	6 00
234	F. W. Eaton, for taking Gardner Perkins to town farm,	2 00
	Amount carried forward	$327 61

	Amount brought forward,	$327 61
OREER NO.		
242	Alexander Maxwell, in part for collecting taxes,	55 00
243	J. G. Hall, for service as Health Officer,	10 00
244	G. G. Hatch for books furnished poor children, by order of Supervisor,	1 83
237	George Dykeman, for car fare of tramp to Lawrence,	1 80
252	Maine Insane Hospital, for support of B. F. Wells and Gooch Perkins to Feb. 28, 1878,	58 90
253	Wm. Clark, for collecting bal. of tax of 1876, tax of 1877, and notifying town meetings,	193 65
256	A. K. Tripp, for costs and charges on property erroneously assessed to Isaac Hobbs, years 1875 and 1876,	4 02
		$652 81

LAND DAMAGE AND BUILDING NEW ROAD AT PERKINS COVE.

ORDER NO.		
128	Jotham Littlefield, for land damage	30 00
188	Samuel Hutchings, for building new road,	16 50
189	Cha.les E. Weare, for land damage,	35 00
		$81 50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN,

title to which was obtained by purchase at auction sale of said property for taxes, for the years 1875, 1876 *and* 1877.

ORDER NO.		
107	William Clark, for abatement of tax on Island Ledge property, (so called,) for the year 1876,	$143 78
108	William Clark, for abatement of tax on Island Ledge property for the year 1877,	183 00
109	Alexander Maxwell, for abatement of tax on Island Ledge property, for the year 1878,	30 00
254	William Clark, for abatement of tax on property formerly owned by C. Skinner,	14 21
		$370 99

RECAPITULATION.

For Town Schools,	$3350 21
High Schools,	903 50
Supervisor,	132 13
Town Officers,	432 30
Support of Poor on Town farm,	537 42
" " " outside Town farm,	494 96
Bills contracted prior to 1878,	79 39
Repai.s of Highways,	2257 82
Abatements of Taxes by Board of Selectmen of 1877,	95 82
Abatement of Taxes by Selectmen of 1878, on commitments of 1876-77,	217 26
" " 1878,	20 00
Building and extending Breakwater,	337 79
Miscellaneous Bills,	652 81
Cove Road,	81 50
Abatement of Taxes on town property,	370 99
	$9,963 90

AMOUNT DUE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

School District No. 1,	$6 22	
" " " 2,	272 71	
" " " 6,	59	
" " " 7,	5 48	
" " " 8,	7 49	
" " " 9,	7 83	
" " " 10,	23 97	
" " " 11,	15 57	
" " " 13,	178 67	
" " " 14,	11 62	
" " " 15,	3 97	
" " "	15 43	
		$549 55

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF 1878.

No. 156,	$35 59	
" 197,	2 10	
" 204,	2 40	
" 218,	3 15	
" 219,	2 92	
" 235,	8 00	
" 234,	2 00	
", 223,	6 00	
" 225,	56 56	
" 231,	6 00	
" 249,	4 20	
" 250,	3 75	
" 253,	193 65	
		$326 32

TREASURY NOTES PAYABLE.

Louisa Jones, date of Feb. 12, 1878,	$100 00	
Interest 6 per cent,	6 08	$106 08
Laura R. Littlefield, date of note. April 18, 1878,	900 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	37 50	937 50
Ann E. Hatch, date of note, April 18, 1878,	500 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	20 83	520 83
Thomas B. Littlefield, date of April 18, 1878,	500 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	20 83	520 83
Ivory Hatch, date of April 18, 1878,	1,050 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	43 75	1,093 75
A. J. Penny, date of date of April 18, 1878,	425 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	17 11	442 11
Sarah Hobbs, date of April 19, 1878,	1,500 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	62 50	1,562 50
Hannah J. Libby, date of April 19, 1878,	1,050 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	43 75	1,093 75
J. B. Norton, date of April 19, 1878,	1,200 00	
Interest 5 per cent,	50 00	1,250 00
Wm. G. Rankin, date of April 30, 1878,	250 00	
Interest 5 per cent.,	9 60	259 60
J. B. Norton, date of April 30, 1979,	900 00	
Interest 5 per cent.,	35 62	935 62
		$8,722 57

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

AT THE DATE OF THIS REPORT.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Outstanding Orders of 1878,	$326 32	
Treasury Notes and Interest,	8,722 57	
Due School Districts,	599 55	
Balance due Soloman Stevens for labor on extension of Breakwater,	200 00	
		$9,848 44

RESOURCES.

Balance due from William Clark, on tax list of 1877, (uncollected)	$135 19	
Amount of Interest due from Wm. Clark, collected by him on overdue taxes of 1877,	78 94	
Balance of uncollected tax on assessment of '78,	4,601 86	
School Fund of 1878,	498 86	
Mill Tax of 1878,	934 44	
Real Estate, title to which has been obtained by purchase at auction sale of said property for non payment of taxes,	740 09	
Due from Wm. Goodale for Histories of Wells and Kennebunk, sold,	33 75	
Due from Theodore Wells,	44 14	
86 Histories of Wells and Kennebunk, on hand,	107 50	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	299 18	
		$7,473 92
Indebtedness, less resources,		$2,374 52
The town voted at its last annual meeting to strike from the record, as worthless, non-resident taxes from 1867 to 1874, inclusive, representing a value in the report of 1878 of,	2,362 54	
The amount of indebtedness, as represented by the report of 1878, was,	1,702 25	
Making the actual indebtedness of the town, at date of last report,		$4,064 79

Decrease of indebtedness for year 1878, $1,690 37

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Town voted at its last annual meeting to raise the following sums of money:

For support of Poor and Incidental Expenses,	$2,500 00	
" Support of Schools,	2,902 40	
" Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	3,000 00	
" Indebtedness,	1,000 00	
" New Road near Perkins' Cove,	100 00	
" High School,	1,000 00	
		$9,902 40
County Tax,	$827 34	
State Tax,	2,742 15	
Overlay,	506 51	
Suplementary Tax,	15 00	
		$4,091 00
		$13,993 40

STOCK AND PROVISIONS ON TOWN FARM.

1 yoke oxen, $100, 3 cows, $30 each,	$190 00	
1 shoat, $5, 26 hens, $13,	18 00	
6 tons English hay at $12, 1 ton salt hay at $6,	78 00	
6 bushels corn, $3 60, 4 bushels meal $2 25,	5 85	
1 bush. beans, $2, 3-4 bbl. flour, $5,	7 00	
300 lbs. pork, $21, 20 gal. molasses, $9,	30 00	
10 lbs. butter, $2, 125 bush. potatoes, $87 50,	89 50	
Vegetables,	8 00	
5 lbs. sugar, .50, 6 lbs. tea, $3,	$3 50	
70 lbs. dried apples at .06,	4 20	
2 bbls. cider,	4 00	
3 bbls. apples,	3 00	
1 bag cotton seed meal,	1 75	
14 lbs. lard, $1 40, 30 lbs. fish, $1,	2 40	
1 bbl. soap,	2 50	
		$447 70

Produce to the amount of $32 has been sold from the farm during the year and proceeds appropriated to use of family.

A. K. TRIPP, TREASURER.

In account with Town of Wells for year ending February 18, 1878, *Dr.*

To non-resident taxes, 1876,	$144 44	
" Balance of commitments, 1877,	1995 92	
" Commitment, 1878,	10408 91	
" Suplimentary commitment, 1878,	15 00	
" Cash received of L. A. Stevens,	130 91	
" " " for Auction License,	2 00	
" " " on exchange of oxen,	35 00	
" " " discount on Dr Ross' bill,	5 35	
" " " for reimbursement of State Pension,	72 00	
" " " State School fund 1877,	600 65	
" " " Stae Mill tax, 1877,	959 79	
" " " for High School,	452 50	
" " " Rail Road tax, 1877,	8 68	
" " " as int. and charges on non-resident taxes 1877, before sale,	48 48	
" " " as int. and charges on non-resident taxes, 1876, settled before sale,	35 99	
" " " on non-resident taxes, 1875, sold Mar. 1877,	35 09	
" " " for int. on same after sale,	8 80	
" " " of L. A. Stevens, (dog tax,)	78 00	
" " " 5 Histories of Wells and Kennebunk, sold,	6 25	
" " " as loans,	8,775 00	
" " " for board of J. Maxwell,	18 37	
" " " of South Berwick,	24 00	
		$23,861 13

A. K. TRIPP, TREASURER,

In account with the Town of Wells, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1878. *Cr.*

By unredeemed Non-resident Taxes of 1876, as per deeds,	$6 44	
" unredeemed Non-resident Taxes of 1877, as per deeds,	48 60	
" Balance uncollected on commitment of 1877,	135 19	
" Balance uncollected on commitment of 1878,	4,601 86	
" Paid Nancy Sargent note,	50 00	
Interest on same,	16 00	
" Paid Treasury Notes, 1877 and 1878,	8,400 00	
Interest on same,	387 20	
" Paid Laura Littlefield's note,	50 00	
" Paid State Pension,	72 00	
" Paid Town Orders,	9,794 66	
" Cash in hands of Treasurer,	299 18	
		$23 861 13

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the Municipal year ending February 18, 1879, I hereby certify that they are properly vouched and correct.

B. MAXWELL, AUDITOR.

WELLS, Feb'y 18, 1879.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

OF THE TOWN OF WELLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—MOSES H. BRAGDON, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in District, 65.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 46. Average attendance, 40. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week.

This school, under the instruction of Miss F. Addie Barnes, of Boston, Mass., made fair progress.

Miss B. labored hard for the interest of the school, but want of experience in ungraded schools was a hindrance, to a certain extent, to the most satisfactory results. She possesses the qualities requisite for an excellent teacher, which experience will develop.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 51. Average attendance, 44. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $50 00 per month.

Mr. C. S. Cook, of Bates College, teacher. Mr. C. is a thorough scholar and a careful instructor. Fidelity on the part of teacher, interest and application on that of scholars, produced very favorable results.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—C. L. MILDRAM, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 119.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, Average attendance, Length of school, weeks. Wages of teacher, $ per month.

Miss Maria W. Goodwin taught this school. Miss G. made great efforts for the advancement of her school, exercising much ingenuity in exciting interest and application in her pupils. She fully sustained her character as a fine teacher.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 51. Average attendance, 43. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $50 00 per month.

This term was taught by your Supervisor. Standard of scholarship some above the average of schools in town.

Assistant, Miss Alice Mildram.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—S. S. LITTLEFIELD. *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 64.

Summer Term. Whole number attending school, 32. Average attendance, 25. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher $ per week.

Teacher, Msss Lizzie F. Bradbury, of Saco.

Miss B. has many qualifications necessary for a successful teacher.

The younger portion of her scholars made good progress.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 35. Average attendance, 26. Length of school 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $40 00 per month.

Mr. H. F. Sleeper, of Haverhill, N. H., taught this term.

This is Mr. S.'s first effort at teaching. At my first visit I was not very favorably impressed and had some doubts concerning the success of the school. At my last visit the school was orderly and passed a very creditable examination.

More interest and deeper mining I think would have produced better results.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—JEREMIAH NORTON, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 35.

Summer Term—Whole No. attending school, 18; average at-ndance, 14. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, 6.50 per week.

This school was taught by Miss Allie Anderson, of this town. Miss Anderson is a wide awake teacher, and seemed interested i her work. At my last visit the number present was not so reat as could have been desired.

A lack of co-operation between parents and teacher, in this, as i many other cases, was a serious drawback to the best interests f the school. At the closing examination, teacher and scholars equitted themselves well.

Winter Term—Whole number attending school, 30; average ttendance, 27. Length of school, 12 3-5 weeks. Wages of eacher, $34.00 per month.

This school, in charge of Mr. Joseph Lord, of this town, was uite successful. Mr. L. appeared thoroughly interested in his vork, gaining the good will of parents as well as pupils, and thus naking his school a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO 5.—ALLEN WINN, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 71.

Summer Term—Whole number attending school, 39; average attendance,35. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher $10.00 per week.

Winter Term—Whole number attending school, 40; average attendanc 35. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $10 50 per week.

Both terms taught by Miss A. O. Mildram, of this town. Miss Mildram is a teacher of much experience. Her scholars made commendable progress, were well disciplined and carefully instructed. Miss M. is ranked among our first teachers in town.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—NICHOLAS LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 45.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 24; average attendance 21. length of school, 10 weeks, Wages of teacher, $7 25 per week.

This school, under the tuition of Miss Alice Littlefield, of this town, made satisfactory advancement. Miss L. is an earnest worker.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 30. Average attendance, 28. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $40 00 per month.

Chas. O. Littlefield, of this town, teacher. Mr. L. displayed considerable tact and originality in the government and instruction of his school. The closing examination indicated earnest endeavors in the right direction.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—C. C. LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 65.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 31. Average attendance, 26. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 25 per week.

Miss Florence J. Furbish, of this town, taught this school. Her school at its final examination showed faithful work on the part of both teacher and scholars.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 41. Average attendance, 31. Length of school, 16 weeks. Wages of teacher, $40 00 per month.

This school, under the careful instruction of Mr. C. C. Littlefield, of this town, was, I think, profitable to the pupils, and creditable to the teacher. Mr. L. exhibited the skill of a more experienced teacher in conducting recitations.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—WALTER ALLEN, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 23.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 14. Average attendance, 12. Length of school, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 87 per week,

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 15. Average attendance, 12. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 87 per week.

Both terms were taught by Miss Jennie M. Wells, of this town, who proved herself a faithful and efficient teacher. She excited as much interest in her scholars as could be reasonably expected, considering the number in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—MOSES LITTLEFIELD, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 26.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 16. Average attendance, 11. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 00 per week.

Teacher, Miss Delia Littlefield. The attainments of this school were good, yet if the reins of government had been drawn a little closer, the results might have been more satisfactory.

Winter Term. Whole number attending school, 22. Average attendance, 17. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 00 per week.

Miss Emma L. Perkins, as teacher of this term, did good service Scholars well disciplined and studious.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—JOSEPH GOODWIN, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in district, 73.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 25. Average attendance, 22. Length of school, 10 Weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 75 per week.

This school, under the instruction of Miss Annette Goodwin, evinced, at my last visit, that there had been close application on the part of the scholars, and faithfulness on that of the teacher, during the term. Miss G. is a good teacher and an excellent disciplinarian.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 58. Average attendance, 35. Length of school, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $48 00 per month.

A. K. Tripp, Esq., taught this term. Mr. Tripp is a teacher of much experience. He knows his business and carefully attends to it.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—WM. H. TAYLOR, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 21.

Summer Term—Whole number attending school, 16. Average attendance, 15. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $5.25 per week.

This term was taught by Miss Emma L. Perkins. The school, though small, manifested considerable interest. Miss Perkins ranks well among the teachers in town.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 22. Average attendance, 20. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, $24.00 per month.

Mr. Hobbs Storer, of this town, kept this school and acquitted himself well; working hard and earnestly to make the school a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO, 12.—A. J. PENNY, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the District, 32.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 19. Average attendance, 16. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, ——

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 21. Average attendance, 20. Length of school, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9.00 per week.

Miss M. A. Talpey, of Cape Neddick, taught both terms. Miss T. is a teacher of large experience, knowing her duty and doing it conscientiously. During these two terms, I think that she has fully sustained her reputation as a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—GEO. ADAMS, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 74.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 39. Average attendance, 25. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher (ex. board,) $7 00 per week.

This school was under the care of Miss Annie L. Littlefield, of this town. This was Miss L's first effort as a teacher, in which she succeeded quite well. At both visits her school was well governed and those present at the close of the term gave evidence of having been well instructed.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 32. Average attendance, 22. Length of school, 16 weeks. Wages of teacher $40 00 per month.

Mr. Wm. Adams, as teacher of this school, worked hard, but to a disadvantage, in making his first attempt at teaching pupils with whom he had been brought in almost daily contact previous to the beginning of his term. Had his school been better governed, better results might have been expected.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—EMLUS GETCHELL, *Agent.*

Whole number scholars in the district, 71.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 29; average attendance, 24. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 50 per week.

Miss Addie Clark, as teacher of this term, labored somewhat at a disadvantage in having the usual term divided into two; yet her school, at its close, passed a creditable examination. Miss C. is a good teacher.

Winter Term—Whole number attending school, 32. Average attendance, 20. Length of school, weeks. Wages of teacher, $44 00 per month.

Mr. F. L. Buker, after teaching five or six weeks of this term, was obliged to resign on account of ill health. During this time, he fully sustained himself as an excellent teacher. Mr. Edward Hatch, of this town, finished the term to good acceptance.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—Oren Littlefield, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 48.

Summer Term—Whole number attending school, 24. Average attendance, 21. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $8 00 per week.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 25. Average attendance, 24. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, $9 00 per week.

These two terms, under the tuition of Miss Lizzie Ford, of this town, made good progress. Miss F. is a teacher of considerable experience, which she used to good advantage in disciplining and instructing her school.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—ORLANDO CHICK, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 52.

Summer Term —Whole number attending school, 34. Average attendance, 31. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, $7 00 per week.

Miss Olive S. Littlefield, of this town, teacher. This school made fair progress. Instruction good: government, a little lax.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 33. Average attendance, 29. Length of school, weeks. Wages of teacher, $40 00 per month.

Mr. Edward Hatch taught this term. This is Mr. H's first effort as a teacher. At my first visit the school was doing well; but not being able to visit the school at the close, I cannot report its condition. I presume he succeeded well.

DISTRICT NO. 17.—B. F. STORER, *Agent.*

Whole number of scholars in the district, 9.

Summer Term.—Whole number attending school, 8. Average attendance, 7. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 00 per week.

Winter Term.—Whole number attending school, 6. Average attendance, 6. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, $6 00 per week.

These two terms were under the excellent management of Miss Abbie A. Pope. Miss P's careful instruction and fidelity to the welfare of her pupils bespeaks her success in a larger school.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Whole number attending school, 47; average attendance, 43. Length of term, 11 weeks. Wages of teachers, $60 00 and $34 00 per month.

This school, under the able instruction of Mr. F. L. Buker, of Bates College, and Miss Lydia J. Hatch, of Wells, made excellent progress. Both teachers were thoroughly alive to the promotion of the interests of those intrusted to their care. Attention and application characterized the school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Whole number attending school, 63; average attendance, 60. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teachers, $60 00 and $40 00 per month.

Mr. F. L. Buker taught this term, ably assisted by Miss A. A. Mildram, of this town. While under their instruction, the school raised its standard of scholarship, in a good degree. Both teachers were faithful and zealous in the performance of their respective duties. Their efforts were crowned with success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Whole number attending school, 72; average attendance, 58; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teachers, $60.00 and $40.00 per month.

The undersigned, in compliance with the request of the Supervisor of Public Schools, to examine and report the term of Free High School taught in District No. 2, submits the following report:—

The school was under the instruction of JOHN RANKIN, A. B., and MISS M. W. GOODWIN. The teachers brought into the duties of their office, not only intelligence and administrative ability, but that energy and zeal which inspired harmony, (that essential feature of progress and success,) throughout the school, and challenged to the utmost the capacity of the scholar. The pupils of the school are entitled to public commendation for their conduct and scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. LITTLEFIELD.

REMARKS.

An endeavor has been made in the foregoing report to give impartial justice to all, without favor or derogation to any. Although the condition of our schools is not as good as might be desired, I think it fully up to what can be reasonably expected from our present school system. It is necessary for schools to be graded in order to achieve the best results. As this cannot be accomplished conveniently, on account of the inadequacy of the funds apportioned to the majority of the districts in town, let the next best course be taken, viz: the marking out a course of study to be pursued, limiting the number of daily recitations, and requiring the pupil, previous to being promoted, to pass an examination before the School Committee. This will remove a heavy weight from the teacher's shoulders, as the tendency is to censure the teacher if any unwillingness to form new classes is mani

fested. The consequence is, that we find nearly one-half more daily recitations in the school than ought to be there, if the best general advancement of the school is to be taken into consideration. Parents, before yielding to the caprices of their children in regard to text books, should consult the teacher, if they have the true interest of their children and that of the school at heart.

Another great hindrance to the good average scholarship in our schools, is the lack of co-operation of parents with teacher. Children allowed to consult their own indolence and whims, will generally prefer to remain away from the school-room. Too often we hear the expression, "I am fearful my dear boy injures his health by studying so very hard." Nonsense,—take away peanuts and confectionery, rather. Is there a case in town, on record, of a child's injuring its brain or general health by a too close application to books? Certainly not, unless it be a too close application to *dime novels*, or some such trashy literature. Even if so, it is better for the brain to wear out than to rust out. If children are not taught promptness and regularity in attendance at school, can promptness and regularity be expected of them when they shall become citizens, and duties of a private or public character devolve upon them. If this is not to be considered specially, since it may apparently only have its effect in the uncertain future, let a consideration, I pray, be given to the present loss of useful, practical knowledge—knowledge that is of immediate application.

Another clog to the wheel of progress, in quite a number of our schools, is a want of suitable rooms and apparatus. To teach mathematics and geography successfully, black-boards, wall maps and globes are necessary.

In every district there is an article called a *black-board*, while but a few districts have black-boards worthy the name, to say nothing about the deficiency of globes and wall-maps.

There is no good reason why children should not have a pleasant room and proper appliances at school as well as at their homes.

It is to be deplored that so many parents manifest little interest in the true development of their children's minds. Instead of encouraging the recital of imaginary wrongs and catering for laziness, let them make a practice of visiting the schools, that they may learn for themselves whether their children are overworked or illy treated.

Since the future welfare of our Nation is pending on the judicious training of the children of the present, it behooves all to guard jealously the common school, and to oppose, vigorously, any attempt to reduce the present appropriations for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RANKIN, JR.,

Supervisor of Schools.

WELLS, March 10, 1879.

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